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KYIV BREACHES RUSSIAN LINES IN THE SOUTH OF UKRAINE, TOP GENERAL SAYS
Ukraine's army has made no table breakthrough in the Russian lines in the Zaporizhzhia area, Gen Oleksandr Tarnavskiy said in an interview

'RUSSIA ON BACKFOOT AT ROBOTYNE VILLAGE'
Gen Tarnavskiy, leading the southern offensive, declared strategic victory by recapturing the southern village of Robotyne. This victory comes at a time when Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has been facing criticism for Kyiv's counteroffensive that has made slower gains than expected. "We are now between the first and second defensive lines," Tarnavskiy claimed | P11

MOSCOW REDEPLOYING TROOPS TO THE AREA
■ Kyiv started its counteroffensive in the area in June and had to spend more time on demining the area. Last year under Tarnavskiy, Ukraine took back the southern city Kherson from Russia
■ Russia is redeploying troops to this area from other parts of Ukraine. However, Kyiv believes it will be harder for Moscow to press ahead

2,80,000
MOSCOW HAS RECRUITED THAT MANY SOLDIERS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE CALENDAR YEAR

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BJP targets I.N.D.I.A over Udhaya's Sanatana Dharma remarks

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Jaipur/New Delhi/Chennai

BJP leaders on Sunday took aim at Tamil Nadu sports minister Udhayanidhi Stalin, accusing him of "insulting Sanatana Dharma" and used the opportunity to target the I.N.D.I.A alliance, of which DMK is a part. While the BJP's TN unit wrote to the governor seeking action against the DMK youth wing chief, an activist filed a police complaint against him in Delhi.

and its ally, the Congress, of insulting Sanatana Dharma for vote bank politics. On Saturday, Udhayanidhi, speaking at an event, said Sanatana Dharma is against social justice and should be eradicated. Comparing it to dengue, mosquitoes and Corona, he said a few things cannot be merely opposed but must be abolished. On Sunday, he said he stood by his remarks, clarifying on X (formerly Twitter) that he had not called for genocide against anyone as alleged by BJP's Amit Malviya. Shah slammed the minister, son of TN chief minister MK Stalin, and alleged that his remarks



Union Home Minister Amit Shah speaking at the inauguration of 'Parivartan Sankalp Yatra', in Durgapur on Sunday | P11

No clarity in I.N.D.I.A on PM face: HDD
Former PM HD Deve Gowda on Sunday said that the partners of the I.N.D.I.A alliance have no clarity and consensus over the prime ministerial candidate despite holding three meetings so far. P4

indicated the Opposition I.N.D.I.A bloc "hates Hinduism" and is "an assault on our heritage". He attacked Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, claiming Rahul had earlier termed Hindu organisations as 'more dangerous' than Lashkar-e-Taiba. "For the last two days I.N.D.I.A alliance is insulting Sanatana Dharma. Leaders of DMK and Congress are talking about ending Sanatana Dharma just for vote bank politics. This is not the first time they have insulted our Sanatana Dharma. Before this, Manmohan Singh also said the first right on the budget is for the minorities, but we say that the

first right is for the poor, tribals, Dalits and backwards. Today, the Congress says that if Modi ji will win, Sanatana will rule." BJP president J P Nadda in Bhopal too urged the people to reject the opposition grouping, which is spreading "hatred, poison and attacking the country's culture and tradition". For his part, Udhayanidhi on X said he is willing to confront any challenges that may come his way. "I never called for the genocide of people who are following Sanatana Dharma. Sanatana Dharma is a principle that divides people in the name of caste and religion," he said.



India will be a developed nation by 2047, says Modi

Takes a jab at previous govts, says they didn't recognise people's potential

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

A week before he is set to host world leaders at the G20 Summit, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has exuded confidence that India will become a developed nation by 2047, when there will be no place for corruption, casteism and communalism.

"The Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas model that has shown the way in India can also be a guiding principle for the welfare of the world," he said in an interview to a news agency.

PM Modi said India's economic growth is a natural byproduct of his nine-year-old government's political stability as well as the government's trust in people. "Irrespective of the size of the GDP, every voice matters," he said in his interview to PTI.

Taking a jibe at the previous UPA government on many issues, the PM said the Congress-led government had no faith in people's potential.

He said India is poised to become the third biggest economy. "For a long time in world history, India was one of the top economies of the world. Later, due to the impact of colonisation of various kinds, our global footprint was reduced. But, now India is again on the rise. The speed with which we jumped five spots, from the 10th largest economy to the fifth largest in less than a decade has conveyed the fact that India means business," Modi asserted.

Citing the country's jump in the number of unicorns, Modi said India is now the third largest start-up hub in the world. As for the Indian space sector, he said the world has acknowledged



Prime Minister Narendra Modi | P11

Freebie culture may extract a price: PM

Taking a dig at the freebie culture, Modi said, "Populism may give political results in the short term but will extract a great social and economic price in the long term. Those who suffer consequences the most are often the poorest and the most vulnerable."

India's contribution.

In his reply to a query on India's backing for inclusion of Africa in G20, he said Africa is a top priority for New Delhi and that India works for the inclusion of those whose voices are not being heard.

US President Joe Biden, Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, Saudi Arabia's King Mohammed bin Salman, and other leaders will gather at the newly constructed Bharat Mandapam conference hall in Delhi on September 9-10 for the pre-eminent annual meeting of developing and developed countries.

"Many positive impacts are coming out of India's G20 Presidency. Some of them are very close to my heart," Modi said.

PM should also talk about jobs, inflation: Oppn

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

THE Opposition on Sunday lashed out at the remarks made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in an interview.

Leaders of the Opposition Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (I.N.D.I.A), questioned the government's track record in fighting unemployment and curbing the rise in prices of essential commodities.

Congress MP Ranjeet Ranjan said, "Roads are being decorated in view of the G20 Summit, but what about the unemployment issue?" She said: "India's youth ask about employment and they want answers on it from the government".

In the same way, AAP MP Sanjay Singh made a sharp attack on the PM's claims on various issues saying, "Under PM Modi, unemployment reached its highest level in 42 years and prices of fuel and medicines have increased considerably".

Congress leader Shobha Oza said that under the current government, the lives of common people have become difficult due to rising inflation and unemployment. Reacting to the PM's remarks that his government has brought political stability, DMK leader T K S Elangovan said, "There is no political stability and equanimity in this country at present".

AFRICAN UNION LIKELY TO BECOME 21ST MEMBER OF G20

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

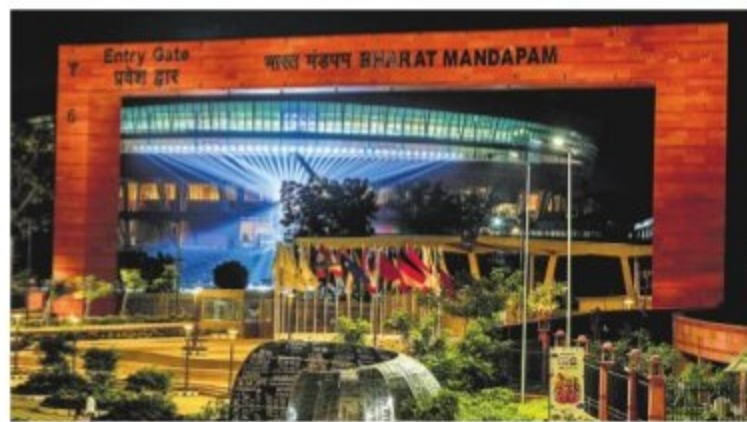
THE African Union (AU) is likely to become a member of the Group of 20 (G20) largest economies with India, which holds the G20 chair, proposing its inclusion ahead of the September 9-10 summit.

With the AU's inclusion, the bloc will become G21. Supporting the AU's inclusion, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said, "No plan for the future of the planet can be successful without the representation and recognition of all voices".

"Africa is a top priority for us even within the G20. One of the first things we did during our G20 Presidency was to hold the 'Voice of the Global South' summit, which had enthusiastic participation from Africa," Modi said.

"There is a need to come out of a purely utilitarian worldview and embrace a Sarva Jana Hitaaya, Sarva Jana Sukhaaya (for the welfare of all, for the happiness of all) model," he added.

The AU has 55 member



Preparation works underway at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi ahead of the G-20 summit on Sunday | P11

countries. However, not everyone in the AU is excited about India's push to get them to G20.

"Africa is a large continent and the challenges, economy and communities are very diverse. In that context, we feel that this inclusion in the G20 would not translate into anything for us in the literal sense. The Voice of the Global South must be heard but the inclusion in G20 would not help in addressing the concerns. We are grateful for India to consider including us though," said a representative of an African country.

Sudan is at present caught in a civil war that has displaced 4.8 million people. In Rwanda, several opposition leaders have been jailed. Countries like Morocco and Algeria are embroiled in territorial disputes. "AU is not a politically cohesive unit. There are issues that countries are facing on their own and with each other. Besides, there are eight regional economic committees which have developed individually with differing structures," a source said.

Man stops youth from eve-teasing daughter, killed

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

IN a shocking incident, a 41-year-old man, who questioned a youth for eve-teasing his minor daughter, was stabbed to death at Shantinagar in Ashoknagar police limits on Saturday night.

The police have arrested the accused, Zaeed (22), who works at an electrical shop, for murder.

The deceased, Anwar Husain, was a goods vehicle driver. Both the victim and the accused were living near Nanjappa Circle in Shantinagar.

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EXPRESS READ H D Kumaraswamy discharged from hosp

Bengaluru: JDS leader and former chief minister H D Kumaraswamy, who suffered a mild stroke on August 30, was discharged from hospital on Sunday | P4

Tomato prices ease after peaking for two months

Kolar: Peaking at ₹150/kg over a two-month period, tomato farmers last week sold the vegetable for far less at the Kolar APMC market, at ₹6-16/kg | P5

Rover asleep, ISRO will try to wake it up after 14 days

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

INDIA's successful Chandrayaan-3 Mission to the Moon's south pole has come to an end. The scientists switched off the Pragyaan rover on Saturday night after it completed its two-week assignment conducting various experiments and travelling 100 metres in the south polar region, said the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). The space agency hopes to wake up the rover after 14 days when the lunar night is over on September 22, 2023.



A view of the Pragyaan rover on the lunar surface | PIC CREDIT: ISRO

"It is now safely parked and set into Sleep mode. APXS (Alpha Particle X-ray Spectrometer) and LIBS (Laser-Induced Breakdown Spectroscopy) payloads are turned off. Data from these payloads is transmitted to the Earth via the Lander," informed ISRO on platform X. P5

Teacher asks students to 'go to Pakistan', transferred

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Shivamogga

A woman teacher at the Government Urdu Higher Primary School here was transferred for allegedly asking Muslim students in her class 'to go to Pakistan'. Sources said the teacher allegedly made the objectionable remarks on August 30 after some students in Class 6 quarrelled even after she repeatedly asked them not to create noise in the class.

The teacher, Manjula Devi, taught Kannada at the school at Tipu Nagar in the city. Block Education Officer Nagaraj P told reporters that she was transferred after conducting a departmental inquiry.

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Asia Cup Super Four matches may be shifted out of Colombo

FIROZ MIRZA @ Pallekele

THE Super Four stage of the ongoing 2023 Asia Cup could be re-scheduled and shifted out of Colombo due to inclement weather. It is learnt that the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) raised the issue with the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) and Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) keeping the weather forecast of Colombo for next few days in mind.

"The India-Pakistan match scheduled in Pallekele had to be called off due to rain. The forecast is the same in Colombo which made the PCB to raise the issue with the ACC and SLC on Saturday," a PCB source keeping a track of developments told this daily. The PCB source said the SLC is looking for a relatively dry venue and Dambulla could

be one of them. Even Hambantota is being discussed for the purpose.

The Super Four stage begins on September 6 in Lahore. The remaining five Super Four matches and final on September 17 are scheduled in Colombo.

"It was ACC's decision to host a major part of the tournament in Sri Lanka. Now they have to chalk out alternate plans to make sure matches are not washed off. They will come back to us in a day or two after which a final decision will be taken," added the PCB source.

The India-Nepal match will go as per schedule as there is no time to shift the game. Abandonment of the match between India and Pakistan meant the latter qualified for Super Four stage from Group A. P13

TODAY'S MATCH: INDIA VS NEPAL @ PALLEKELE FROM 3PM

Law ministry discusses agenda for Kovind panel on simultaneous polls

SHRUTI KAKKAR @ New Delhi

LAW ministry officials on Sunday met former President and chairman of the committee on simultaneous polls Ram Nath Kovind to understand how he would like to set the agenda for the panel.

Law secretary Niten Chandra and legislative secretary Reeta Vasishtha were among the officials who met Kovind on Sunday, sources said, adding that the committee has

commenced functioning and will give its recommendation at the earliest.

The government had formed an eight-member committee headed by the former president on Saturday. The other members of the panel include Union home minister Amit Shah, former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Ghulam Nabi Azad, former Finance Commission chairman N K Singh, Constitution expert Subhash C Kashyap,

senior advocate Harish Salve, and former Chief Vigilance Commissioner Sanjay Kothari.

The panel was formed immediately after the government announced a special Parliament session. However, the government's decision to form a committee on simultaneous polls has received flak from opposition parties. Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury has declined to be part of the panel.

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SUBURBAN KIA LINE ON BACK BURNER, RLY BOARD RAPS SWR

Directs fast-tracking of approvals; Ops were to start in Oct but even tender process not begun

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

THE Railway Board has conveyed displeasure to the state government and South Western Railway Zone for deprioritising the line proposed to Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) from the city, in violation of the sanction letter it had issued three years ago for the 148.17-km Bengaluru Suburban Rail Project (BSRP), sources said. It also asked South Western Railway (SWR) Zone to expedite all approvals for the Rs 15,767-crore project.

A high-level meet was held in Delhi on Friday by Member (Infrastructure), Railway Board, Roop Narayan Sunkar, with top officials of the nodal agency for implementing the BSRP, Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Limited (K-RIDE), a joint venture between the State and Centre. Director (Business Development and Finance) Awadesh Mehta and R K Singh, Director (Project & Planning) were among the K-RIDE officials who attended the meeting.

MD Gaurav Gupta, SWR General Manager Sanjeev Kishore and Divisional Railway Manager, Bengaluru Division, Yogesh Mohan took part virtually. A senior official told TNIE, "Railway Board members questioned K-RIDE as to why the crucial Corridor One - from KSR Railway Station to Devanahalli via Yelahanka



Only 15 per cent of the work completed on Mallige Line or Corridor-2, the only line where work has begun, from Chikkabanavara to Bennigenahalli via Yeshwanthpur



Project can be done by 2028

During a review meet of the project on August 11, State Infrastructure Minister M B Patil had stated that the BSRP will be given a two-year extension period up to 2028, for completion. "The Railway Board is keen that we meet our original deadline of 2026, and is particular we work towards that," he added.

Another official said, "The infra member also directed SWR's GM to speed up approvals for the designs submitted by K-RIDE in connection with the project, and consent required in connection with land acquisition."

The only line where work has begun is Corridor-2, or Mallige Line from Chikkabanavara to Bennigenahalli via Yeshwanthpur (25.01 km) with 15 per cent of the work completed by L&T Ltd. The tendering process for Corridor-4 or Kanaka Line - running 46.24km between Heelalige and Rajanakunte via Yelahanka - is on the verge of completion. "The technical and financial bids have been opened with Larsen & Turbo Ltd again emerging as the lowest bidder, compared to three other concerns. Some more formalities need to be looked into. It is likely to be awarded in a month," another official said. Like Corridor 1, tenders are not yet called for Corridor 3 or Parijaata Line, running 35.52km from Kengeri to Whitefield via Cantonment.

(Sampige Line) had not been given the priority it merited. It was to be implemented ahead of other lines, with the sanction letter too issued in October 2020 with a three-year completion deadline fixed for it." The 41.4km line was to become operational next month (October 2023) but even the tender-

ing process has not begun.

The decision to drop its priority was taken in June 2021 by K-RIDE, as Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited had already called tenders for its Airport line from KR Puram to KIA Line (Phase 2B) and so it decided to proceed with other unconnected routes.

K-RIDE told to complete additional doubling stretch

Conducting a review of the two ongoing doubling projects by Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Limited (K-RIDE), the Railway Board on Friday directed it to commission an extra 7km on the Baiyappanahalli-Hosur line, than originally planned this financial year. The proposed extra stretch lies between Anekal and Marakanaikanahalli, said a source. Of the 48-km doubling work undertaken on this line at a cost of Rs 498 crore, K-RIDE had already commissioned 10.3km between Karmelaram and Heelalige in February this year, the first project to be commissioned by it. "It is on course to complete 3.5km between Bellandur Road and Karmelaram by March 2024. The new stretch proposed by the Board would also be completed," he said. The other project it has taken up is the 21.7-km line between Yeshwantpur and Channasandra at a cost of Rs 315 crore. No portion on this line has been commissioned so far, and will be done so at one go by December 2024."

ART FROM THE HEART

Art for all: 93-year-old among 5,000 participants at 15th Colorothon

PURAN CHOUDHARY @ Bengaluru

WITH over 5,000 individuals drawing, colouring, sketching and painting together on Sunday morning, Bengaluru's Colorothon was a sight to behold. Inspired by the movie 'Tare Zameen Par', Kishore Joseph had started Colorothon in 2014 to bring individuals of different age groups under one roof and unite them through art. This year the oldest participant was a 93 years old person.

At the 15th edition of Colorothon which was held at St. John's Auditorium, Koramangala, participants from from

across came in, to put their creative skills on display, making it an inclusive event.

"Anybody who can hold a pencil can take part in the festival of art. We've seen age groups between 3 year to 90 years come and set new benchmarks for artistic collaboration and community engagement," said Joseph, Founder of Colorothon.

He added that when he watched 'Tare Zameen Par', he wanted to replicate the Colorothon, because nowadays, people don't find time to be with their family.

"Even if people do find time for friends and family, they just



Participants engaged in their art at the 15th edition of Colorothon in Bengaluru



consume various kinds of art, but nobody is doing anything creative. This is what I wanted

to change." Till now, the Colorothon painting festival has seen par-

ticipation of over 1,65,000 people across the country. The festival has been held in New Delhi, Lucknow, Chennai, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Guwahati and Bengaluru.

Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy sent out letters to all government, international schools and NGOs to promote the event widely.

"Be it a rickshaw driver, children from slums or from high-end societies, or people from old-age homes, art brings all together," added Joseph. He also said that he wants to dedicate a day to Colorothon in India, to inspire people to bring out the hidden artists in them.

The unique free-of-cost art festival, sponsored by Akshayakalpa Organic, has no theme or rules. There are no prizes for first or second place. One is free to draw their imagination, and 15 individuals categorised in different age groups are given hampers for special artworks.

Explaining the idea of getting adults to 'be a kid again', Joseph said that when he invites the Bangalore Police to help with security, "All are engaged in art, not much security is needed so the police officials also take a seat and start colouring, making the event more inclusive."

and the number of accidents shot up, and many travellers have witnessed death on the highway. Police officials led by ADGP Alok Kumar inspected the project in June and took up a slew of measures to curb accidents on the stretch.

One of the major steps was to penalise speedsters who cross 100 km/hr and ban the entry of two-wheelers, three-wheelers, quadricycles and slow-moving agricultural vehicles. While the maximum speed on the highway is only 100 km/hr for the extreme right lane, and 80 km/hr for others, the maximum number of accidents was due to over-speeding, with vehicles cruising at over 160 km/hr.

Alok Kumar thanked the team for bringing down the accident rate, adding that there is no room for complacency.

Sundaram Climate Institute, and author of 'Watershed' said, "Embracing climate tech startups is vital; they hold the key to solving our water challenges in this era of climate inertia. Historically, places like Bowlri served as social hubs, emphasizing water's significance. Even if emissions halt, global warming persists due to climate inertia. Water's vital role in managing this crisis cannot be underestimated, it transcends policy."

Trilochan Shastri, Professor of Decision Science and Former Dean of IIM-B said, "The focus of our programmes, research and discussions isn't just to save water and trees. It is to empower people and enrich lives across India."

Experts emphasised the need to join hands and share experiences to stabilise the crisis in the next 5 years.

EXPRESS READ

KSRTC buses add a stop at Madavara

Bengaluru: As people from Tumakuru travel towards Electronic City everyday in large numbers, the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) buses attached to the Tumakuru division operating through Nelamangala and Sondekoppa route are directed to divert from the national highway, take the service road and give a stop at Madavara. Buses are asked to stop at BIEC (Bangalore International Exhibition Centre) NICE Road junction. Passengers were demanding the bus corporation to add a bus stop at Madavara so that they can catch BMTC buses heading towards Electronic City operating on the NICE Road. With this, people can quickly interchange and reach their destinations.

Students' bus passes to be extended till Oct

Bengaluru: As some of the colleges are yet to conduct their examinations, the validity of KSRTC's student bus passes issued for the academic year 2022-23 has been extended till October. Earlier, the validity of the passes were extended without any cost, the extension for September and October will be a cost extension, said KSRTC officials. In a letter addressed to all the divisional controllers, written by the Chief Traffic Manager of KSRTC, he said that the "Students are yet to complete their academic year, and hence, the validity of the passes for 2022-23 was first extended till July and then till August. However, colleges and students requested to extend the pass since exams are held in September and October." However, this time, students will have to pay to extend their validity.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

4th September: Mercury's magical alignments raise real questions about all today's meetings, plans and ideas. It will be almost impossible to work out who is talking sense and who is spreading nonsense. Perhaps the best way to look at today is as a time to throw all facts, opinions and attitudes into the melting pot and see what comes out!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

No Monday morning moans, please. Jupiter's generous and optimistic relationship over your houses of work and creativity is reinforced by Uranus' generally surprising movements. The long-term prospects for you, and for partners, are therefore excellent.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

Nothing is absolutely black or white, and an ethical or moral question may be raised very soon. It is not necessary to sacrifice your interests; neither should you expect anyone else to do so. Overseas travel may beckon, but you may be content to dream.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Every year at around this time Mercury, your planetary ruler and hence an natural ally, swings into a dramatic relationship to your sign. In fact, I think you'll start to sit up and take notice of everything that you've spent the last eleven months ignoring!

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Sometimes it's impossible to figure out what makes people tick, and it is difficult to gauge whether partners will be totally confused, or utterly inspired. Probably this is something you can only assess for yourself, although you should avoid hasty judgments.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)

The Moon's making waves in areas of your chart concerned with work, so you should have few difficulties tackling the real world. Romantic considerations may have to take second place, just for now. Mind you, there's always time to tell someone how you feel about them.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

Business, work and pleasure combine, by virtue of the Moon's sensible presence. Yet you must be aware that behind every simple statement lies a hidden and complicated meaning, and other people may be chronically incapable of saying what they think.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

A succession of helpful, harmonious planetary alignments could set you up for some very prosperous financial decisions. At the very least you should keep a sharp eye open for rare bargains. Your attitude to cash, though, is shaped by deep emotional forces.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

The Sun's creating friction in a number of areas of your chart which are intimately connected to your deepest desires. You have to remember, at times like these, that not everyone is on your wave-length. Neither will partners necessarily appreciate your sense of humour!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)

It may be hard for friends and colleagues born under the other eleven signs to admit, but you're right! However, don't take things too far, for there are elements in the current situation which could surprise even you. The last thing you want to do is stir up feelings which are best left alone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)

You're on an emotional roller-coaster today, in a mild sort of way. If your mood changes from hour to hour, try to make sure that your circumstances can be altered to suit. In legal matters take the longest-term view possible, and don't agree to anything without expert advice.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

Your hidden, hermit-like qualities may make an appearance today, and I doubt if you will welcome friends who try to be over-familiar. Extract your secrets should be shown the door. I'm sure there's a very good reason for your privacy!

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)

There's a fair degree of agreement between one part of your chart and another, which means that you should be able to make up your mind for once! It's a good day for confirming long-term plans, and making announcements about what you're going to do next.

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CROSS WORD

ACROSS

- Non-playing member of a cricket family (11)
- Eels are wriggling free (7)
- Way out children (5)
- Prepare for takeoff? (4)
- Tubes of paste (8)
- Olympic event - record set by America (6)
- Complained a busy worker had taken meals (6)
- Light equipment for miner and motorist (8)
- Has a choice sort of post (4)
- A number swallowed up we hear (5)
- Colonist gets letters sent out (7)
- Course followed by bird-dog to be first in the field (11)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Claque, 2 Absinthe, 9 Rotten, 10 Time bomb, 12 Gave, 13 Limit, 14 Pain, 17 Establishing, 20 Demonstrator, 23 Arm, 24 Ache, 25 Edit, 28 Decision, 29 Seraph, 30 Namesake, 31 Animus.

DOWN

- Forty-nine in the red are angry (5)
- Tarry rope (4)
- An asinine remark (6)
- Is inquisitive about the tank and soldiers (8)
- Change of fee as required to take off the pressure (4,3)
- Is it used when lying low? (11)
- Trade essential for others - lockmakers especially (3,8)
- Doctor's report - on a man who has been shot? (8)
- Rock and roll (7)
- Article by inspiring women is entertaining (6)
- Well I wouldn't want this taken (5)
- Reader's plea for original expression (4)

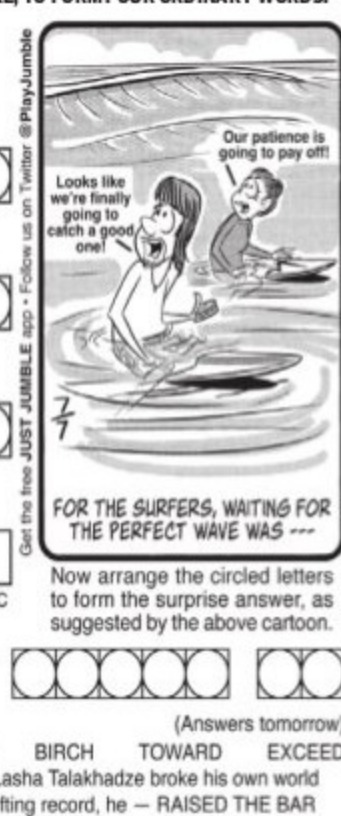
Down: 1 Consoles, 2 Activity, 3 Used, 5 Irish Isles, 6 Item, 7 Too bad, 8 Bidding, 11 Visitor's book, 15 Abbey, 16 Entry, 18 Stud farm, 19 Wreaths, 21 Warden, 22 Quorum, 26 Aids, 27 Mean.

JUMBLE UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

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960 ACRES OF LAKE ENCROACHMENTS YET TO BE CLEARED

Sources say of the 188 encroachments in water bodies in Bengaluru Urban district, 107 have been removed so far

MOHAMMED YACOUB @ Bengaluru

THE Bengaluru district administration is yet to clear encroachments in 960.32 acres of lake land in Bengaluru Urban District.

According to the Encroachment Removal Task Force at the Bengaluru deputy commissioner's office, five taluks of Bengaluru Urban district have 837 lakes, covering an area of 27,597.34 acres. Of that, 4,554.10 acres had been encroached for the last one decade and the DC's office managed to clear 3,593.17 acres.

The DC's office is planning to intensify the drive during week-ends and public holidays to prevent owners from approaching courts to get a stay, sources said.

"Of the 188 encroachments in water bodies in Bengaluru Urban district, we have cleared 107 so far. As per procedure, notices have to be sent to encroachers and time has to be given. Violators, however, take advantage and approach courts to get a stay. That is the reason lake encroachments have still remained unclear," said a source from the

DC's office.

Recently, Revenue Minister Krishna Byregowda chaired a meeting on land encroachments in Bengaluru Urban district and directed Deputy Commissioner KA Dayananad to come out with an action plan to clear them.

"We could not do much of late because of festivals and the preparation for the PM's Bengaluru visit. Once we come out

with an action plan, the drive will be conducted meticulously in the five taluks," said a senior official from the DC's office.

Former Lake Development Authority chairman Dr UV Singh said that a designated officer looks into these aspects of lake encroachment under the Karnataka Tank Development Conservation Authority rules. There should also be an authori-

sation officer who checks the documents. He/she also has to hear to the aggrieved party (encroacher) before passing orders to get the encroachment cleared. But the government has not appointed these officers and supporting staff. Encroachers take advantage of it and approach courts to drag the case, he added.

"There is a constitution and relevant acts. If they are implemented, officers appointed and rules followed, the encroachers cannot go to court and drag the cases," Dr Singh added.

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Dr UV Singh, former chairman, Lake Development Authority



Air Marshal R Radhish, AOC-in-C, Training Command, IAF, during a visit to Command Hospital Air Force Bengaluru on Sunday | EXPRESS

Air Marshal inspects IAF medical facilities

ENS @ Bengaluru

AIR Marshal R Radhish, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief (AOC-in-C), Training Command, Indian Air Force (IAF), visited key IAF medical facilities in Bengaluru from August 31 to September 2.

He visited Command Hospital Air Force Bengaluru (CHAFB), Medical Training Centre (MTC), Air Force Institute of Dental Sciences

(AFIDS), and No-1 Rapid Action Medical Team (RAMT) located at Agram in the city. During the visit, Air Marshal Radhish inspected and explored various departments within CHAFB and the No-1 RAMT, besides interacting with the medical fraternity.

He complemented the medical team for introducing Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) pattern at par with international standards.

DIABETES REVERSAL, SCAM OR REALITY?

NAMRATA SINDWANI @ Bengaluru

DIABETOLOGISTS have alerted people not to fall under the trap of companies claiming to cure diabetes through herbal remedies, special diets or unnatural elements as many such programmes have mushroomed in the past few years.

In a recent incident, a type 1 diabetic person visited a private hospital in Bengaluru with blood sugar levels going up to 500. It was found out that the person underwent a therapy programme for reversing diabetes, and was off insulin. However it backfired and he was admitted in the hospital and put back on

insulin immediately. Other incidents are also seen among type 2 diabetes patients wherein patients return with high sugar levels reaching to 300-400.

Dr Manohar KN, chairman of Karnataka Research Society for the Study of Diabetes in India (KRSSDI) said these companies are running scams and often prey on people who are desperate to cure their diabetes. They offer false hopes and make unrealistic claims to reverse diabetes through the use of electronic devices or other unproven methods. Every week 2-3 patients are coming to hospitals with high blood sugar, after they started a reverse diabetes programme.

People complaining of further complications after subscribing to such programmes has increased, the doctor added. Type-2 diabetes is incurable, and can only be controlled over time. Even if people are following a particular diet, they must check their sugar levels regularly. "It is important to be aware of these scams and do your research before you spend any money on any diabetes reversal treatment. There is no guaranteed cure for diabetes, and any treatment that claims to reverse diabetes should be viewed with scepticism," Dr Manohar noted.

Doctors explained that reversal of diabetes is a false per-

ception and such activities only result in remission of diabetes. Ridhima Batra, a nutritionist and diabetes educator, explained that though there is no harm in undergoing a therapy programme, it should always be under complete medical supervision. "This can help bring blood sugar level to normal, but one must keep a check on their sugar levels as it can easily bounce back, if one leads a negligent lifestyle," she added.

Around 35 per cent of Batra's patients are working towards diabetes reversal under her supervision, and she advises people to stay away from any crash diet or any other programme to avoid health complications.

B'gavi man held for using fake Lokayukta officer's identity

ENS @ Belagavi

THE Bengaluru police have arrested a Belagavi-based man for allegedly blackmailing government officials by showing his fake identity as Lokayukta officer, a couple of days ago. The police revealed it on Saturday.

The accused has been identified as Santosh Koppad. His associate Vishal Patil, a resident of Deshnur in Bailhongal is absconding. According to police sources, the duo accused were engaged in blackmailing PWD officials by posing themselves as Lokayukta officials.

The police laid a trap and under the pretext of being PWD officials, called the accused on phone and said that they were ready to give bribe. Accordingly, they arrested Koppad, which alerted Patil, who then absconded.

Tension over wearing burqa at exam centre

ENS @ Hosapete

CONFUSION prevailed for sometime at an examination centre in Hosapete after two girls entered the exam hall wearing burqas at Hosapete Government Girls' High School on Sunday.

The girls had come to take the Teachers Eligibility Test.

Officials said the girls agreed and removed the burqas in the reserved classroom before attending the test. The parents of the girls asked the officials whether there is any clause against wearing the burqa in the Karnataka Examination Authority rules. The authorities said that rules are mentioned in the hall ticket and candidates should follow them. The parents were convinced, the officials added.

PUBLIC GOOD

Postal dept brings fin services to village

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

IN a first such venture within Karnataka Postal Circle, the Sirsi Postal Division organised a three-day programme, 'Dak Jan Sampark Abhiyan', to bring the services of Central and State governments under one roof for the benefit of the public.

An official release said it was held in Kangod village from August 29 to 31. Hoovappa G, superintendent, Sirsi Postal Division, inaugurated the Abhiyan. Information on various savings schemes and postal life insurance facilities / accidental insurance schemes of the department were shared. This initiative by the postal department was appreciated by Gram Panchayat members.

Over 700 members of the public took part, and beneficiaries of Kangod village and neighbouring areas availed of the services. Around 500 people updated their Aadhaar cards, while more than 200 people availed of the savings schemes (Savings Bank account, recurring deposit, Mahila Samman Savings Certificate, Public Provident Fund), Postal Life Insurance services and India Post Payments Bank services, the release said.

Dak Jan Sampark Abhiyan will be organised by all postal divisions every month at different places to spread financial literacy and provide services to the public, it added.



Veteran actor Ananth Nag and his wife Gayathri Nag are taken out in a procession on the occasion of his 75th birthday in Mangaluru on Sunday | EXPRESS

Man blackmails woman for sexual favours, held

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Cyber Economic and Narcotics (CEN) police of the South-East Division have arrested a 26-year-old man for allegedly blackmailing a woman with her private photos and demanding sexual favours from her.

The accused, Amir Hussain Faisal is a native of Assam, and was apprehended in Chennai.

The victim, a corporate employee, filed a complaint stating that Faisal, with whom she was in a relationship, was allegedly blackmailing her using her private photos. He was demanding sexual favours from her by threatening to upload the photos on social media.

"With the victim's help, we got his location and he was arrested from a lodge in Chennai, where he was waiting to meet the victim. We are investigating to know whether the ac-

cused has harassed other women similarly, and have seized his mobile phone as part of the investigation," the police said.

The accused has been booked for cheating, sexual harassment and under the provisions of the IT Act.

Pedestrian robbed of mobile phone

A miscreant robbed a pedestrian of his mobile phone in Suddaguntepalya police station limits on Saturday night. At around 9.30 pm, a bike-borne miscreant accosted the victim and snatched away his phone, while he was walking home. The victim Saurabh Kumar, a resident of Madivala, was enroute to Silk Board via Ring Road. He was on a call when the accused came from the rear and snatched the phone. While Kumar screamed for help, the accused sped away with the phone. A complaint has been lodged with Suddaguntepalya police in this regard.

Celeb involvement sees spike in eye donation pledges

NAMRATA SINDWANI @ Bengaluru

THE National Eye Donation Fortnight is observed every year between August 25 and September 8 to create awareness about eye donation, corneal blindness and corneal transplants among people.

Dr Rohit Shetty, Chairman, Narayana Nethralaya, said the demise of Kannada actor Puneeth Rajkumar in 2022 was the biggest boost ever for people to pledge to donate their eyes. Puneeth, like his father, had donated his eyes, which helped doctors perform four different transplants.

Inspired by this celebrity, many people came forward to pledge as well. In the last one year, until August 2023, 1.84 lakh people pledged to donate their eyes across all centres of Narayana Nethralaya. Minto Eye Hospital, affiliated to the Bangalore Medi-

cal College and Research Institute (BMCRI), too, witnessed 2,194 people taking the pledge to donate their eyes in 2022.

Doctors said that a sudden spike is noticed only when news of famous celebrities do-

nating their eyes comes to light. Otherwise, there is a dip in numbers. People's participation gradually dropped after a few months. "Celebrities have a much larger impact on people, who get inspired by actors. When people see an actors volunteering to donate their organs, it encourages them to go ahead take similar actions," Dr Shetty added.

He said that proactive measures should be taken to ensure the number of pledges remain constant. It is important to increase the pledges to up to 10 lakh every year across the state. This will create a domino

effect and spread the word to a much larger population, he added.

Dr BL Sujatha Rathod, Director, Minto Eye Hospital, also mentioned that the death of Kannada film industry celebrities, like Puneeth Rajkumar and Vijay Sanchari - who had volunteered to donate their organs, inspired many people, especially youngsters, to come forward to pledge their eyes. The hospital had even introduced a QR code that one could scan to make a pledge. Earlier, there was hardly any awareness about eye donation, but things have improved largely over the past few decades, Dr Rathod added.



MIDNIGHT RUN FOR EYE DONATION

Advocating for more people donating their eyes, Joint Commissioner of Police (Crime), Bengaluru, SD Sharanappa gave an example of late actor Dr Rajkumar and his family's contribution towards eye donation. Their noble gesture largely helped spread the message to create awareness about eye donation and combating corneal blindness. He was speaking at the midnight run - 'Run for Sight' - organised by Narayana Nethralaya on September 2. Close to 300 people participated in the run, with Major General Ravi Murugan presiding over as chief guest.

Close on the heels of sharpshooter Venkatesh's death in an elephant attack in Mudigere, another person was trampled to death by a pachyderm at Arenuru village near Aldur in Chikkamagaluru district on Sunday. The victim is identified as Durga Kinni (60), who was attacked when he was walking from Arenuru to Kanchukallu Durga

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KILLING HONOUR IN THE NAME OF 'HONOUR KILLINGS'

The shame of 'honour killing' thrives with a degree of social licence and an eye on maintaining 'prestige' of family, caste and religion, but the innocent are killed bypassing established laws



ASHWINI M SRIPAD

HONOUR killing — also called 'shame killing' — is the murder of an individual, mostly by the victim's own family members, to protect the "dignity" and "honour" of the family when it involves inter-caste, inter-religious marriages or relationships. In most cases, the victim is a woman, although in several cases the man/boy is also targeted. The victims in some cases are also those belonging to the queer (lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgenders) community.

Although honour killing cases are more prevalent in a few North Indian states, like Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Haryana, Jharkhand and Punjab, it is being increasingly reported in the South too, including Karnataka.

As per the latest data of National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), the number of honour killings reported in India was 25 each in 2019 and 2020, and 33 in 2021. But these figures are based on those reported, and the number could be much higher than mentioned.

Honour killings have been rampant in Karnataka, including Mandya, Kolar, Tumakuru and parts of North Karnataka. From October 2022 until now, at least seven horrendous cases have been reported in the state. Senior advocate KBK Swamy says honour killing in Karnataka is not new: it goes back to the 12th century, to the time of social reformer Basavanna, when inter-caste marriages or relationships invited a punishment called 'Yele Hoote', which involved tying those engaging in inter-caste relationships (mostly women marrying men from castes 'lower' than their own) to an elephant's leg and making the elephant roam around town, killing the hapless victims.

Retired IPS officer and former DG&IP of Karnataka Police ST Ramesh says there is no legal terminology called "honour killing", and the reason why many cases go unreported is this: "In so-called honour killing cases, usually a family member would have committed the crime. Other family members who might not have indulged directly in the crime will try to cover up, despite knowing about the crime. Their thinking is mentally in sync with the accused. Such cases may not come out in the open immediately, but there is nothing called a perfect crime. Sooner or later, it comes out," he says.

According to police officials who have investigated these crimes, in most cases the perpetrators do not exhibit any sense of guilt, instead, there is a degree of pride in committing honour killings. They feel they have done something credible to protect the honour and prestige of their caste, clan or religion — which could explain why such crimes receive support from other members of the group closely linked to the perpetrators.

Chala Venkata Reddy, social activist from Ballari, says even educated parents and family members commit this crime to protect the honour and prestige of the clan, sub-caste, caste or religion they belong to.

What powers honour killings?

Honour killings — clearly, the continuing shame of India despite the country's major advances in several domains — is powered by the status and pride among individuals over the castes, sub-castes and religions they belong to. Utmost importance being given to the 'purity' of the family and that of 'sense of belonging' to a particular social segment has led to the most abhorrent outcome of patriarchy in the form of 'honour killings'.

According to Legal Service India e-journal, it is done to "eradicate the dishonour and shame brought by family member" — especially a woman — by marrying or seeking a life partner belonging to a "lower caste", which they feel does not "match" their social status. It is based on a fear of being 'out-casted' if such relationships are allowed, and there have been several cases where families have been humiliated for allowing a girl to marry outside, especially someone from a "lower caste". Honour killing is nothing but a "planned murder" to safeguard the honour and prestige of a family to prevent it from "falling in the eyes" of members of the social segment they belong to.

The shame of honour killing is sourced to the existing complex socio-cultural divisions in society. In many cases, even those marrying within the same 'Gotra' are targeted, as communities believe it to be an incestuous marriage.

Dr Sabitha Gundmi, assistant professor, department of sociol-



NOLAW TO DEAL WITH
'HONOUR KILLING'

While honour killings receive clandestine support and licence from certain 'respected' quarters within the social group to which the perpetrators belong, there is no law to specifically deal with honour killing. The crime is dealt with as 'murder'. Unfortunately, law sees 'honour killing' as murder, not a larger conspiracy that ends up killing the innocent with a certain degree of social backing.

For instance, in Haryana, such crimes have the blessings of bodies like the Khap Panchayats, which provide extra-constitutional blessings for 'honour killings'. They ignore Articles 14 and 15 of the Indian Constitution, dealing with the right to equality and not allowing discrimination on the grounds of religion, race, caste, gender or place of birth, respectively. The Constitution's Article 19 provides the right to freedom, while Article 21 grants right to life, which honour kill-

After a roller-coaster ride of almost two months with tomato prices reaching over Rs 150 per kg, farmers last week had to sell the vegetable for far less at the Kolar APMC market. In the first week of July, a crate containing 15 kg of tomatoes was sold at a whopping Rs 2,400, but now, it has come down to Rs 100-240 (Rs 6-16 per kg)

ogy, Mangalore University, who hails from the Koraga community says, "It is a matter of shame for upper caste families, and children born to such inter-caste couples have no identity. They are referred to with demeaning names like 'chandalas'. We need to bring awareness."

A senior psychiatrist in Bengaluru, who requested anonymity, says: "The perpetrators of honour killing view the killing of the 'errant member' as a way to restore the reputation and honour of the family. They do not think about repercussions. The perpetrator may be the same person who may have publicly criticised a similar act by a member of another family in his clan/community, and has no second thoughts on killing his own family member to uphold the 'honour' of his clan or community. Although there is no rationale behind such contorted thinking, it is indoctrination that leads people to kill their own in the name of 'family honour'."

ings directly violate with the blessings of family elders. It also violates the rights of individuals to choose a life partner; irrespective of which caste or religion he or she belongs to.

The lack of a law specifically dealing with 'honour killings' allows these crimes to be tried under sections of Indian Penal Code (IPC) dealing with 'murder' — 299-304 (murder and culpable homicide), 107-11 (abetting murder) and 120A and 120B (criminal conspiracy).

The result is that the shame of 'honour killings' continues unabated, even as it fosters pride among the killers for "protecting the honour" of the family, caste or community they have affinity to.

The Supreme Court in 2006 observed: "We sometimes hear of 'honour' killings of such persons who undergo inter-caste or inter-religious marriages of their own free will. There is nothing honourable in such killings, and in fact they are nothing but barbaric and shameful acts of murder committed by brutal, feudal-minded persons who deserve harsh punishment. Only in this way can we stamp out such acts of barbarism."

It noted: "In our opinion, such acts of violence of threats or harassment are wholly illegal, and those who commit them must be severely punished. This is a free and democratic country, and once a person becomes a major, he or she can marry whosoever he/she likes. If the parents of the boy or girl do not approve of such inter-caste or inter-religious marriage, the maximum they can do is cut off social relations with the son or daughter, but they cannot harass the person who undergoes such inter-caste or inter-religious marriage."

(With inputs from Bala Chauhan/Bengaluru; BK Lakshminathan/Mysuru; Ramkrishna Badeshi/Kalaburagi; Kiran Balannavar/Ballari; V Velayudham/Kolar; Divya Cutinho/Mangaluru; Hirehalli Devaraja/Tumakuru)

I.N.D.I.A HAS NO CLARITY ON PM FACE: GOWDA

BR UDAYA KUMAR @ Hassan

FORMER Prime Minister and JDS patriarch HD Deve Gowda on Sunday said that the partners of the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (I.N.D.I.A) have no clarity and consensus over their prime ministerial candidate despite holding three meetings so far.

He told the media that he does not know how the opposition bloc will take on the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the 2024 parliamentary elections. They have not come up with any strategy for the polls. The leaders of the 26-party grouping only discussed the common minimum programme, but not the crucial seat-sharing matrix. He welcomed the statements of the leaders that they will put in sincere efforts to give a stable government at the Centre. "Let's wait and watch," Gowda said.

Asked if JDS would form an alliance with BJP, Gowda said, "Who to talk to? BJP is yet to announce its state party president. We are planning to fight the Lok Sabha elections alone. The core committee headed by GT Deve Gowda will tour all constituencies and decide the candidates. The committee will also develop strategies to take on the national parties in the elections. I will visit some districts, including Hassan, during campaigning."

He said no JDS MLAs or leaders are quitting the party. "I will continue efforts to save the only regional party in Karnataka, till my last breath," he added.

CAUVERY ISSUE

Taking exception to the state releasing water to Tamil Nadu despite facing a severe drought, Gowda alleged that Deputy Chief Minister and Water Resources Minister DK Shivakumar has directed senior irrigation officials not to share any information. "I called up the irrigation department, but senior officials expressed their helplessness, saying it is difficult to give the figures. The chief minister has failed to order a probe into alleged irregularities in BBMP during Congress-JDS coalition government in the state," he added.



JDS leader H D Kumaraswamy with his son Nikhil and others addresses the media after his discharge from Apollo Hospitals in Bengaluru on Sunday | EXPRESS

HDK out of hospital, thanks doctors for 'third birth'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

JDS leader and former chief minister H D Kumaraswamy, who suffered a mild stroke on August 30, was discharged from hospital on Sunday.

Calling it a "third birth", Kumaraswamy thanked doctors for giving him a new lease of life as he had undergone cardiac surgeries twice previously. He was admitted to a private hospital in Bengaluru at 3.40am last Wednesday, complaining of discomfort and weakness. After his discharge, Kumaraswamy told reporters, "I was at my farmhouse in Bidadi when late in the night I felt some discomfort. I immediately called (Jayadeva) director and his brother-in-law) Dr CN Manjunath who advised me to consult Dr Sathish Chandra." Dr Chandra, neurologist at Apollo Hospitals, Jayanagar, advised him to get admitted at the earliest, and Kumaraswamy reached hospital in just 20 minutes.

The JDS leader urged people not to ignore their health in case of discomfort, and seek medical advice. He also

highlighted the importance of 'golden hour' and said a person suffering from stroke must reach hospital as early as possible. Stroke is very common and there is a need to increase awareness about it, Dr Chandra said.

Key poll strategist

After the crushing assembly election defeat in May 2023 reducing the party to a mere 19 seats, the JDS is now strategising for maximum impact, hoping to win at least six seats in the 2024 Lok Sabha election, the legal challenge of Hassan notwithstanding.

The first glimmer of hope came with the discharge of Kumaraswamy from Apollo Hospitals. As the party's key strategist, his wellbeing is crucial, especially now. In the worst case scenario, JDS hopes to retain Hassan and Mandya, and do well in four or five other MP seats, or at least help its allies.

Although Kumaraswamy may not return to political action for the next few weeks, JDS cadres are optimistic about his participation in poll meetings.

SECURE OVER 20 LS SEATS FOR CONG, PATIL RALLIES CADRES

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) Campaign panel, led by Medium and Large Industries Minister MB Patil, has started preparations for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. Expressing dissatisfaction with the current activities of the campaign committee, Patil pledged to activate it fully for the Lok Sabha elections, after holding deliberations with All India Congress Committee (AICC) president Mallikarjun Kharge and KPCC president DK Shivakumar.

He was speaking at a function held at the Bharat Jodo Hall at the KPCC office to rally the campaign committee office-bearers who had put in efforts during the May 10 Assembly polls in which the Congress registered a thumping majority by winning 135 seats.

He instructed the office-bearers to deliver on the party's guarantees to the people, which included implementing four key promises within three months of coming to power. The minister said the pending Yuva Nidhi guarantee will be implemented soon. Patil challenged the office-bearers to secure at least 20 LS constituencies in the state during the upcoming elections to validate the party's commitments.

Attacking Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he said the Congress had played a pivotal role in shaping India over the last 75 years, contrary to claims made by Modi during his nine-year tenure. "Modi did not ful-



KPCC Campaign Committee Chairman MB Patil and other Congress leaders during a function at the KPCC office in Bengaluru on Sunday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is engaging in communal politics while taking credit for our achievements
MB Patil, Industries Minister

fil his promise of bringing black money stashed in foreign banks and depositing Rs 15 lakh into every citizen's bank account," he added.

Patil underscored the Congress' illustrious history of championing India's freedom struggle and the subsequent nation-building efforts. "BJP leaders, including Modi, should first understand this. Congress leaders, including Jawaharlal Nehru, have taken the country to great heights through meaningful work." He pointed out that 95% of the country's dams were constructed under Congress administrations.

The minister also highlight-

ed the Congress' contribution to key institutions and initiatives such as the Indian Institutes of Management (IIM), Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT), All India Institutes of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), the milk revolution, agricultural revolution and digital revolution. "Modi is engaging in communal politics while taking credit for our achievements," he claimed.

Patil said initiatives like the Food Security and Right for Education Acts were revolutionary. He credited former prime minister PV Narasimha Rao and former finance minister Manmohan Singh for initiating economic liberalisation in India.

Co-chairman of the committee and CM Siddaramaiah's son Dr Yathindra Siddaramaiah, who is an aspirant from the party for the Mysuru LS seat, also took part in the event.

Govt looks for solution to drought, plans series of meetings

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

WITH Karnataka facing rain deficit in June, July and August, the state government has called a cabinet sub-committee meeting on Monday to deliberate on the drought situation.

On September 12 and 13, the deputy commissioners, ZP CEOs and district ministers of all 30 districts will meet to dis-

cuss the challenges facing the state with a focus on the spectre of drought. The government is also expected to get feedback from the ground on the ongoing development works. The actual physical and financial developments are expected to be the focus of this meeting. The government will also check if the budgetary plans and programmes have been concre-

tized into action. The cabinet will also meet on Thursday to discuss the failure of the monsoon in over 100 taluks and receive feedback.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar are expected to participate in a meeting on Monday where they will involve the key growth engine departments' — PWD,

Urban Development, Water Resources, Minor Irrigation, Social Welfare, RDPR, Medical Education and Planning and Statistics. In this meeting too, drought will be the primary focus, said sources in the CMO.

As the government holds meetings and strategises, BJP MLC Adagur Vishwanath, who was appointed as a one-man commission by then CM SM

Krishna to tackle the drought, had a different take. "In 2003 and 2004, I had suggested cutting 50% of what is spent on ministers and wasteful expenditure, reducing 10% salary and pension of politicians and bureaucrats and no personal cars for them. All these helped raise Rs 7,000 crore."

Sources asked if now is the time for drastic measures like 2003-4.

State saw 14 drought years

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ASKED whether the government will bring more taluks under the drought-hit list, he said in the last 20 years, the state has witnessed 14 drought years. "We don't know if there will be more or less taluks at this juncture. All we can say is that there will be a substantial number of taluks," he added.

Agriculture Minister N Chaluvarayaswamy had earlier said that around 130 taluks are facing a drought-like situation. "We cannot declare them drought-hit without conducting a crop survey. Officials are conducting the survey and once done, it will be placed before the cabinet subcommittee meeting to declare them drought-hit taluks," he had said.

After weeks of no rain, clouds open up over South India; Downpour claims lives in Odisha, T'gana, AP comes to standstill

Lightning claims 12 lives, injures 14 in Odisha

ENS @ Bhubaneswar

LIGHTNING strikes claimed 12 lives and left 14 injured in different parts of Odisha on Saturday. Eight cattle were also killed by the thunderbolts, the special relief commissioner (SRC) office said on Sunday.

The state government has announced ex-gratia of ₹4 lakh each for the families of the deceased. Over 62,000 lightning strikes (cloud-to-cloud and cloud-to-ground) were reported from various parts of the state on Saturday. The SRC's office informed four deaths by lightning were reported in Khurda district, two in Balangir and one each in Angul, Boudh, Dhenkanal, Gajapati, Jagatsinghpur and Puri.

Eight persons were injured by lightning in Balangir, three in Khurda and one each in Angul, Cuttack and Ganjam. Six cattle were killed by lightning in Gajapati and two in Kandhamal. In case of cattle deaths, assistance will be extended to the owners, said the SRC's office. As per SRC's office, 281 deaths by lightning were reported in the state in 2021-22 and 291 in 2020-21.

Meanwhile, Naraj recorded a maximum rainfall of 130 mm on Saturday. Pipili 100 mm, Athagarh, Mundali and Cut-

tack 90 mm each, and Jajpur, Bhandaripokhari and Banki 80 mm each. The regional Met office said the cyclonic circulation over north-east Bay of Bengal and neighbourhood persists and under its influence, a low pressure area is likely to form over north-west and adjoining west-central Bay of Bengal within the next 48 hours.

The Met office has issued a warning for thunderstorm and lightning in Cuttack, Khurda, Puri and 21 other districts on Monday. Heavy rainfall is expected in Cuttack, Khurda, Puri and 16 other districts during the period. "Light to moderate rainfall or thundershower activity are likely to occur at most places in Odisha on Monday. Parts of the state will receive heavy rainfall for next four days," said scientist at Bhubaneswar Meteorological Centre Umasankar Das.



Paddy crop damaged due to lightning at Aenda village in Nischintakoili block

T'puram receives moderate rainfall

T'Puram: The Thiruvananthapuram district on Sunday received moderate and isolated rainfall accompanied by gusty wind and high tide. The Kerala Disaster Management Authority has declared a yellow alert in the district until Sunday. However, high-range areas such as Amboori, Neyyar Dam, Nedumanagad and Palode received heavy rainfall. In the wind that lashed the city around 3.15 pm, many trees got uprooted at various places. A major disaster was averted after a big tree fell on the road at Vellayambalam junction when the traffic signal turned red. Trees got uprooted at All Saints Junction and Palkulangara, too. According to the India Meteorological Department, moderate to heavy rainfall is likely in southern districts until Thursday as a deep depression will be formed in the Bay of Bengal on Monday or Tuesday.



Commuters brave a heavy downpour in Saidapet, Chennai, on Sunday | ASHWIN PRASATH

Heavy rain lashes Telangana, 4 dead

Hyderabad: Four persons died in different incidents due to heavy rains in Telangana. Three persons died after being struck by lightning and an aged woman was washed away in a local stream in Adilabad and Karimnagar districts. Several parts of the state, including Hyderabad, received heavy to very heavy rains on Saturday night and also Sunday, after 45-days of dry spell in this monsoon season. The weatherman predicted heavy to very heavy rains are very likely to occur at isolated places in Adilabad, Komarambheem-Asifabad, Mancheril, Nirmal, Nizamabad, Jagtial, Rajanna Sircilla, Jangaon, Siddipet districts of Telangana on Monday and Tuesday too. Heavy Rain is likely to occur at isolated places in Karimnagar, Peddapally, Jayashankar-Bhupalapally, Mulugu, Bhadrachalam, Khammam, Nalgonda, Suryapet, Mahabubabad, Warangal, Hanamkonda, Yadadri Bhuvangiri, Rangareddy, Hyderabad, districts on Monday and Tuesday, the weatherman predicted.

Incessant drizzle brings hope to farmers

Kanniyakumari: Sustained drizzling in Kanniyakumari during the past few days, including in dam areas, has brought hope to farmers in the district. The rainfall is being welcomed as the southwest monsoon has largely failed in the district. In the past 5 days, Perunchani dam water level increased by about 9 feet. Pechiparai reservoir also saw increased flow. District agriculture production committee member P Chenbagasekarapillai said the rainfall is a boon to paddy farmers as their crops would have to be harvested in a month and will not last longer. Another functionary N Rakkisamuthu said that due to rain in dam catchment areas, the water released to fields in channels from dams has also increased. He hoped the rainfall would continue steadily, and if it does, farmers could cultivate paddy for the next season too. A water resources department official said that the current rainfall is too less and would not benefit the district in any major way.

Rain disrupts daily life in AP

Vijayawada: Heavy rains lashed Kadapa, Ongole, and Nandyal since Sunday evening bringing much-needed respite from sultry hot weather, but at the same time disrupted normal life. The sudden downpour caught people travelling off guard. An APSRTC bus with 13 passengers got stuck in a flash flood in Isuka Vanka stream near Jammalamadug town. Jammalamadug police led by CIU Sadashivaiah risked their lives to save the passengers. After much effort, all the 15 occupants of the bus were rescued. On the other hand, heavy rains lashed the Nallamala forest region at Giddalur of Prakasam district, which received around 15 cm of rain. Two youths were washed away in the flood waters of Saggileru and got stuck on thorny bushes. On being alerted police rushed and saved them. In another similar incident, the villagers and police rescued a father and daughter who were riding on a bike and fell into the flood waters of Pedda Vaagu, between Mutukula village of Prakasam district and Gudlapalli village of Palnadu district on Sunday morning.



Vehicles plough through inundated roads in Karimnagar on Sunday

TS Cong screening panel, PEC to discuss candidate shortlisting

B KARTHEEK @ Hyderabad

As the Pradesh Election Committee (PEC) of Telangana Congress proceeds with the task of shortlisting potential candidates, the screening committee is gearing up for a three-day process that involves extensive consultations with the PEC and other stakeholders to thoroughly evaluate the options presented to them. A crucial meeting between the screening committee and the PEC is scheduled for September 6, during which the screening committee will provide its insights before forwarding the final report to the Central Election Committee (CEC) and the party's high command.

The screening committee is particularly focused on examining a separate list comprising Backward Classes (BC) candidates. The party has expressed its intention to field at least 34 BC candidates, two designated for each Lok Sabha segment. "The screening committee will engage in one-on-one discussions with the PEC members and District Congress Committee (DCC) presidents. We are striving to release the initial list at the earliest," said TPCC chief A Revanth Reddy.

During its second meeting at Gandhi Bhavan on Sunday,



Pradesh Election Committee (PEC) of Telangana Congress meets on Sunday to shortlist the candidates

the PEC reportedly conducted proceedings without any disruptions, in contrast to previous meetings.

Members exercised their choices, and in response to objections raised by some members regarding the provision of names of applicants only, the party's State unit provided comprehensive information submitted by the candidates to all PEC members. This dossier encompassed approximately 500 pages against the previous 29-page document.

TPCC working president T Jayaprakash Reddy, popularly known as Jagga Reddy, said, "We have marked our preferences and have been instructed to maintain strict confidentiality." However, sources revealed that former TPCC president Ponnala Lakshmaiah expressed his desire to contest once more from the Janagaon constituency during the meeting.

EXPRESS READ

Man attacks doc, kills brother in Hyderabad

Hyderabad: Allegedly furious over his girlfriend not consenting to marriage, a man attempted to kill her in LB Nagar on Sunday. While the woman, Sanghavi, sustained injuries, her brother, Prithvi aka Chintu, succumbed to the injuries he received during the clash. LB Nagar police have arrested Shiva and registered a case under Sections 302 (murder) and 307 (attempt to murder) for his assault on Sanghavi.

Lottery ticket sales cross Kerala borders

Palakkad: 'Thiruvonam Bumper' lottery tickets are selling like hot cakes in the state, with officials expecting record sales to ease the strain on the exchequer. With more than two weeks left for the draw, on September 20, over 40 lakh tickets, each costing Rs 500, have been sold across the state till Saturday. Many purchases are being driven by border districts, where lottery is banned.

Vikram lander too put to sleep

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SCIENTISTS said the batteries of the rover are fully charged and the solar panel has been oriented to receive the light when the sunrise takes place after two weeks. "The receiver is kept on," said ISRO so that the scientists are able to establish a contact after two weeks. "Vikram lander too will be put to sleep on Sunday or early Monday as data from its payloads is still flowing," said a scientist working on the Chandrayaan-3 Mission.

If the rover wakes up after two weeks, this will be a bonus for India's maiden mission to the Moon's south pole, making India the only country to do so. "Hoping for a successful awakening for another set of assignments! Otherwise, it will forever stay there as India's lunar ambassador," said ISRO in a statement.

After the successful launch of Aditya-L1 on Saturday, S Somanath, Chairman, ISRO had said the Chandrayaan-3 Mission lander and rover are functioning well and the rover has traversed 100 metres from the ShivShakti Point, the landing site of Vikram lander on August 23.

As lunar nights take over the Moon's surface, the lander and rover will not have any means to charge batteries through solar power. For 14 days, there will be no light on the lunar surface and the temperatures will fall considerably.



HOMEGROWN STRENGTH

Enthusiasts view exhibits at the 2nd Edition of Atmanirbhar Bharat defence technology show held at Chennai Trade Center on Sunday | ASHWIN PRASATH

Aditya-L1's orbit-raising manoeuvre successful

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

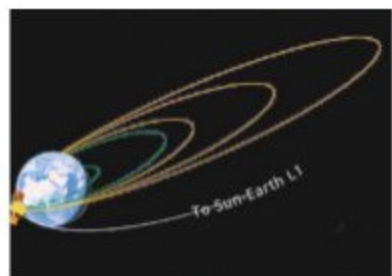
A day after it launched the Aditya-L1 spacecraft, India's first mission to study the Sun, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on Sunday carried out the first orbit-raising manoeuvre.

In a statement, the space agency said, "The satellite is healthy and operating nominally. The first Earth-bound manoeuvre (EBN#1) is performed successfully from ISRO Telemetry, Tracking and Command Network (ISTRAC), Bengaluru."

The first Earth-bound firing to raise the orbit was scheduled for around 11.45 am Sunday, which was completed successfully.

The new orbit attained is 245km x 22459km. "The next manoeuvre (EBN#2) is scheduled for September 5, 2023, around 03:00 hrs IST," said ISRO.

September 3 marked the first of the 16 days Aditya-L1 will stay in Earth-bound orbits. The satellite will go through four more manoeuvres around Earth post, and the spacecraft will be slingshot towards the L1 point.



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ISRO statement

It will take approximately 125 Earth days to reach the L1 (Lagrange Point) point of the Sun. Lagrange Point is a point in space between the Sun and Earth where their respective gravitational pulls equal each other. This point enables the satellite to move with the Earth, saving fuel and any obstruction from eclipses.

Such events happen every year in Lakkundi, Gajendragad and other parts of the district, which is home to many historic temples. Several astrologers in Gadag and surrounding areas still believe

Tomato price down to ₹6-16 per kg at Kolar market

V VELAYUDHAM @ Kolar

AFTER a roller-coaster ride of almost two months with tomato prices reaching over Rs 150 per kg, farmers last week had to sell the vegetable for far less at the Kolar APMC market, considered the second-biggest trading floor for tomatoes in Asia.

The prices fell drastically as the arrival of fresh produce caused a glut, while the demand in North India and also Andhra Pradesh dropped in the last couple of weeks.

In the first week of July, a

crate containing 15 kg of tomatoes was sold at a whopping Rs 2,400, but now, it has come down to Rs 100-240 (Rs 6-16 per kg).

Deputy Director of Horticulture Kumaraswamy told The New Indian Express that the arrival of tomatoes has increased in the district. The area under tomato cultivation at present is 8,000 hectares, while another 6,000 hectares are being covered, he added.

APMC Secretary Vijaya Lakshmi said the market was getting 60,000 to 70,000 boxes per day two months ago, but on



Sunday, it received 1,18,974 boxes, and each crate was sold at Rs 100-240.

Sudharshan, a young farmer

from Srinivasapura, said that because of the deficit in rain and scorching heat, tomatoes would not last even four to five days, and traders were not interested. But with good rain, the crops are standing for nearly a week. This also is one of the reasons for the fall in prices, he added.

Another farmer Murali said that even at the peak price, the majority of farmers did not benefit as their crop was affected by leaf curl and whitefly diseases, damaging nearly 50 per cent of their crops.

I-T notice exposes N Chandrababu Naidu

Vijayawada: The Income Tax (I-T) department has brushed aside the objections raised by former Chief Minister and TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu to the notices served on him for allegedly not disclosing Rs 118 crore. In its latest show cause notice served to Chandrababu Naidu on August 4, 2023, the I-T department said the objections raised by the TDP chief were not valid. Chandrababu Naidu raised objections not once but four times on technical grounds. The first letter to the I-T department was on October 10, 2022, followed by another letter on October 27, 2022, and another one on January 31, 2023, and on June 20, 2023. However, the I-T department said those objections were not valid.

Miscreants on treasure hunt deface temples

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @ Gadag

SOME miscreants on Friday pulled the Shiva idol out of the historic Someshwara temple in Lakkundi. The incident came to light when the temple priest filed a complaint with the police.

The miscreants had removed the Shiva idol and dug the ground to a depth of more than 10ft to check for hidden treasure. Rumours abound in the district that digging on a full moon or no moon night can yield pots of gold or hidden treasures in historical places.

History lovers and historians have been demanding that the authorities take action. However, as several of these historic structures are not on their lists, they are willing to safeguard only those which



Idols removed by miscreants on the outskirts of Lakkundi village

there are many gold and silver coins, and ornamental pots under the idols, where kings and their ministers might have stored their ornaments. This prompts miscreants to uproot idols, hoping to find the hidden treasures.

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come under their supervision.

Temple priest Sidramayya Mayakaramath said, "I came to perform puja on the day after full moon night (noola hunime) and found Shiva and Basavanna idols were removed, and a pit of more than 10 feet was dug. A similar incident happened in this temple two years ago."

"This place was once called Somanakatti. There were human settlements here centuries ago, so some people think there are hidden treasures here, and they damage historical structures in their greed for ornaments and treasure," said some villagers. An archaeological department official said, "We have got information. A case was registered with Gadag Rural police station."

Students disrespected me: Teacher

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"STUDENTS and parents said that when the students interrupted her teaching, she tried to beat them. One of the students called out Allah's name, at which she asked the students to 'go to Pakistan'. When the complaint went viral, I visited the school and conducted the inquiry," the BEO said.

The BEO said he also spoke to the students even as their parents complained to the school headmaster. "The headmaster told me that he came to know of the incident only after the parents raised the complaint. The Kannada teacher told me that the students were creating noise and not respecting her, and that was the reason she scolded them. But she denied that she told the students to go to Pakistan," he added.

Since the issue is sensitive and went viral, he transferred her from the school. "I also conducted a departmental inquiry and submitted a report to the DDPI besides informing the DC," he added.

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निर्माण एवं अनुसंधान समूह, एसडीएससी-शार / CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE GROUP, SDSC-SHAR
श्रीहरिकोटा / नेल्दूर (जिला), आंध्र / SRIHARIKOTA - 524124

संक्षिप्त ई-निविदा सूचना / Brief E-TENDER NOTICE
सं.शार-सीएमजी सिविल: अनुसंधान ई-जन निविदा / No:SHAR:CMGCIVIL:MAINT-E-PT-14/23-24 तिथि/ Date. 01.09.2023

भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से "एसडीएससी शार के एसएमपी एवं इंटीएफ क्षेत्रों में संचित कार्यों के लिए सार्वजनिक संविदा" (टीसी-23-063, अनुमानित लागत ₹ 75.00 लाख), "बीएवी एसएलपी में संरचनात्मक पुनर्वास कार्य" (टीसी-23-064, अनुमानित लागत ₹ 15.52 लाख), "बीएवी एसएलपी में छत रिसाव रोकने का कार्य" (टीसी-23-065, अनुमानित लागत ₹ 8.34 लाख), "महिलाओं के लिए विश्राम कक्ष, कोषाकर्म कैंटीन का निर्माण" (टीसी-23-066, अनुमानित लागत ₹ 5.20 लाख) हेतु मद दर ई-निविदाएं आमंत्रित हैं। निविदा दस्तावेजों को 20.09.2023 को 14:30 बजे तक डाउनलोड किया जा सकता है। इच्छुक निविदाकार विस्तृत सूचना के लिए हमारी वेबसाइट www.isro.gov.in या www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO देखें।

On behalf of President of India, Item Rate tenders are invited through e-tendering for "Term Contract for Civil works @ SMP & ETF areas, SDSC SHAR" (T/C-23-063, Est. cost ₹ 75.00 Lakhs); "Structural Rehabilitation work at VAB SLP" (T/C-23-064, Est. cost ₹ 15.52 Lakhs); "Arresting roof leakage work at VAB SLP" (T/C-23-065, Est. cost ₹ 8.34 Lakhs); "Construction of ladies rest room Keepakam canteen" (T/C-23-066, Est. cost ₹ 5.20 Lakhs). Tender documents can be downloaded up to 20.09.2023, 14:30 hrs. Interested tenders may visit www.isro.gov.in or www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO for details.

हस्ताक्षरित- समूह प्रधान, सीएमजी / एसडीएससी शार / Sd/- GROUP HEAD, CMG / SDSC SHAR

MAHAGENCO
Mahachakra State Power Generation Co. Ltd.

NOTICE-SRM-44

Following Tenders are published on <https://eprocurement.mahagenco.in>

Sr. No.	E-Tender No	Subject	EMD / Estimated Value
1	660MW/CHP/T-393 RFX-3000041397	Biennial contract of Electrical, Control & Instrumentation Maintenance of Coal Handling Plant 3 X 660 MW, KTPS, Koradi (PERIOD OF CONTRACT 24 MONTHS).	Rs. 500,000,00/- Rs. 52,159,678.64/-
2	660MW/CHP/T-394/ RFX-3000041395	Annual contract of Work of Wagon handling / unloading and associated works at Coal Handling Plant 3 x 660 MW, KTPS, Koradi (PERIOD OF CONTRACT 12 MONTHS).	Rs. 500,000,00/- Rs. 88,079,286.64/-
3	660MW/CHP/T-395/ RFX-3000041396	Annual contract of Work of Operation (excluding Wagon Tippler / Railway marshalling yard Area) and Mechanical Maintenance of coal handling plant 3x660 MW, KTPS, Koradi. Period of contract 12 months.	Rs. 500,000,00/- Rs. 72,702,154.76/-

VENDORS ARE REQUESTED TO REGISTER THEIR FIRMS FOR e-TENDERING.
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Sd/-
CHIEF ENGINEER (O&M)
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SRI SEETHARAGHAVA SOUHARDA SAHAKARA BANK NIYAMITHA

BUS STAND ROAD, HOSADURGA – 577527 CHITRADURGA DIST. PH NO. 7022276829

PUBLIC TENDER CUM AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Tenders by way of submission of offers or invited from Public in general for purchase of below mentioned immovable property on "AS IS WHERE IS" and "AS IS WHAT IS" condition under the securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Act, 2002, for realization of outstanding dues from the borrower mentioned here below.

Borrower / Guarantor Name: K S Suresh S/O Shivalingappa K P, SLN Bakery, Industrial Area, Ajampura Road, Hosadurga Town.

1) K P Shivalingappa S/o Li Parvathappa. 2. Keshavamurthy C S/o Channabasappa. 3. Ganesh K S S/o K P Shivalingappa. 4. Anusuya K R W/o Suresh K S.

Description of the Property:

1) All that pieces and parcel of immovable property bearing Southern Partition of Site No 6 Khata No 2084 / 1022 / 6 E Khata Property No 150200100600400708 and 2084 / 1022 / 6, in the layout known and called as "Sreenidhi Sacred Springs", formed in converted Land in Survey No 129 (Conversion Order Bearing No BDS.ALN (A) SR 60/04-05, dated 07.02.2005. ALN (A) (K&A) SR 9/06-07, Dated 20.07.2006 BDS ALN (A) SR 598 / 04 – 05 Dated 29.03.2005 BDS ALN (A) SR 381 / 2004-05 Dated 12.01.2005 passed by the Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District and Layout has been approved from the Anekal planning Authority Wide approval No APA/ LAO / 41 / 06-07 dated 16.02.2013 situated at Lakshisagara Village Atlibele Hobli Anekal Tq Bangalore Urban District in all measuring 1280 Sq Feet out of 2226 Sq feet and bounded as follows (and RCC Building) - East By Road, West by Site bearing No 18 and 19 North by Northern portion of Site No 6, South by Land bearing Survey No 119.

Date of Demand Notice: 06.05.2023	Date of possession Notice: 07.07.2023
Reserve Price : Rs. 40,00,000/- EMD Amount: Rs 1,00,000 Minimum Raisable Bid Amount : Rs 50,000/-	

Place of Auction: Sri Seetharaghava Souharda Sahakara Bank Niyamitha, Sai Krupa, No 27, Dr Rajkumar Road, 6th Block, Rajajinagar, next to St Ann's High School, BENGALURU - 560010

Last date for Submission of Tender: 05.10.2023 before: 12.00 pm

Date of Opening of Tender: 05.10.2023 afternoon 1.00 pm

Description of the Property:

2) A Vacant site property bearing No 67/67 SP No 10 E-Property No 26-4-9055 measuring E-W 18.17 Mtrs, N-S 21 Mtrs Total Area 381.67 Sq Meters situated at Industrial Area Estate Ajampura Road, Hosadurga Town, Hosadurga Tq Bounded as follows East by Private Property West by Road North by Private Property South by Special plot No 9.

Date of Demand Notice: 06.05.2023	Date of possession Notice: 07.07.2023
Reserve Price : Rs. 46,00,000/- EMD Amount: Rs 1,00,000/- Minimum Raisable Bid Amount : Rs 50,000/-	

Place of Auction: Sri Seetharaghava Souharda Sahakara Bank Niyamitha, Hosadurga.

Last date for Submission of Tender: 06.10.2023 before: 12.00 pm

Date of Opening of Tender: 06.10.2023 afternoon 1.00 pm.

For more details Contact: Authorized Officer / General Manager, Sri Seetharaghava Souharda Sahakara Bank Niyamitha, Vasavi Mahal Road, Hosadurga-577527. Ph No 7022276829.

Outstanding Amount: Rs. 97,53,500.00 (Ninty Seven Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand five Hundred Only) as on 31.08.2023 along with interest and other charges from 01.09.2023 and incidental expenses there on till the date of realization of the dues.

STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT

Terms and Conditions of Auction Sale:

1) The Properties shall not be sold below the Reserve Price and Bid should not be below the Reserve Price. The property will be auctioned / sold individually or as a whole. In this connection all the powers lies with the Authorized officer only.

2) Tenders / Bids by way of offer to purchase the property is to be submit in the prescribed tender forms available at : Sri Seetharaghava Souharda Sahakara Bank Niyamitha, Rajajinagar Bengaluru – 560010, (For Property No 01) Interested parties may submit the tenders along with a EMD as mentioned above In the form of Cash / Banker's Demand Draft payable Rajajinagar, Bengaluru and Drawn in favor of Authorized Officer Sri Seetharaghava Souharda Sahakara Bank Niyamitha, on any working day or on before 12.00 pm on 05.10.2023 in Rajajinagar, Bengaluru and

3) For Property No 02 Tenders / Bids by way of offer to purchase the property is to be submit in the prescribed tender forms available at : Sri Seetharaghava Souharda Sahakara Bank Niyamitha, Hosadurga – 577527 on any working day or on before 12.00 pm on 06.10.2023 in Hosadurga . In case of the bidder is a company a copy of the resolution passed by the board of directors authorizing the actual bidder to participate in the bidding on its behalf should also to be submitted while bidding.

a) Tenders / Bids (Property No 01) shall be opened at /after 1.00 pm, on 05.10.2023 by the authorized officer / General Manager at Sri Seetharaghava Souharda Sahakara Bank Niyamitha, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru in the presence of bidders and for property No 02 at /after 1.00 pm, on 06.10.2023 by the authorized officer / General Manager at Sri Seetharaghava Souharda Sahakara Bank Niyamitha, Hosadurga, in the presence of bidders. Authorized officer / General Manager may, at his discretion hold inter-se bidding. Tenders who would be confined to bids who have participate as per the terms of auction.

b) The EMD of the unsuccessful bidders / Tenders will be returned immediately on conclusion of the auction.

c) Properties shall be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS" and "AS IS WHAT IS" basis.

4) Successful bidders shall pay a minimum of 25% of the accepted bid sale price (Including EMD) on the same day and the balance of 75% Amount within 30 days. If the amount is not paid, EMD will be forfeited. Likewise, if the balance 75% amount is not paid within 30 days 25% of amount already deposited by him/her will be forfeited and the bank will at liberty to consider any other tender already submitted by way offer to purchase.

5) Successful Bidders shall bear all the legal / incidental expenses like stamp duty, Registration fee, Taxes, Statutory dues etc., as applicable

6) On confirmation of sale by the Bank and if the terms of payment have been complained with, the authorized officer exercising the power of sale shall issue a sale certificate for immovable property in favor of the purchaser in form of given in Appendix V of the security interest (enforcement) rules, 2002.

7) Sale certificate will be issued / registered in the name of the successful bidder only and the successful bidder will have to produce copy of PAN card before registration.

8) The authorized officer reserves the right to reject any or all the offers / tenders without assigning any reason or shall have the right to post-pone or Cancel the process of the tender / public Auction. The bank also reserves the right to modify any terms and conditions of the advertisement / sale at its discretion, without any prior notice.

9) All other charges, expenses like conveyance, Electricity, Water charges, Legal Stamp Duty, Registration fee, Arrears of Tax charged if any shall be borne by the purchaser only.

10) The Authorized Officer or the Bank Shall not be responsible for any charge, Lien, Encumbrances, Property Boundaries & Measure, Property tax and any others dues to the government or anyone else in respect of the properties auctioning.

11) Interested parties shall bring Identity proof, Address proof and PAN Card (KYC) copies while participating in Tender cum Auction.

Date: 01.09.2023
Place: Hosadurga

Sd/- Authorized Officer / General Manager
Sri Seetharaghava Souharda Sahakara Bank Niyamitha, Hosadurga

FORM NO. 14
[See Regulation 33(2)]

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - I
Govt. Of India, Department Of Financial Services,
4th Floor, BSNL Building, Telephone House,
Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru - 560001

DRC NO: 14491

Vijaya Bank
Peenya Branch, Peenya,
Bengaluru - 560 058.

Certificate Holder
Versus
Mr. Niranjan Murthy & Another
Defendants/Certified Debtors

To
1. Mr. Niranjan Murthy
S/o. Sri. Gurupadaswamy,
Partner of. M/s EXCELLENT CNC TECH,
No.23, Ground Floor, 19' A' Cross,
Ramegowda Industrial Estate,
Thigalagaraya Main Road,
Peenya 2nd Stage, Bengaluru 560 058.
Also at:
No.179/B, 1s Main, B' Cross,
Shaktigarden, Nagarghathi,
Main Road, Bengaluru - 560 057.
2. Mr. Sathesha.A.S
Sri. S. Somesh,
Partner of. M/s XCELLENT CNC TECH,
No.23, Ground Floor, 19th 'A' Cross,
Ramegowda Industrial Estate,
Thigalagaraya Main Road,
Peenya 2nd Stage, Bengaluru - 560 058.
Also at:
No.78, 3d 'A' Cross,
Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, 6 Main, T.Dasarahalli,
Bengaluru- 560 057.

DEMAND NOTICE
In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **OA No. 392/2017** passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bangalore on 15/11/2018 an amount of **Rs.42,09,461/- (Rupees Forty Two Lakhs Nine Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty One Only)** is due against you along with wt interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the amount within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay:

a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings.

b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **06-Dec-2018**.

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DRT -1: BANGALORE
Email: rajasekharan.r@nic.in

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Given under my hand and seal of the court, this **04th day of September 2023**.

By Order of the Court
Assistant Registrar,
City Civil Court,
Bangalore-560009.
Ranjith Guttur Advocate,
No. 461, 6th Cross,
Sampige Road, Malleshwaram,
Bangalore-560003.

IN THE COURT OF XXXIX ADDL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALURU
O.S. No.5278/2021
PLAINTIFF:-Bengaluru Urban District Athletic Association Rep by its Hon. Secretary Mrs Retha Abraham R/lat No.9112, Dr A.N. Krishna Rao Road, V.V. Purnam, Bengaluru-560004 -V/-
DEFENDANTS:-Mr. Babu Shetty and others
NOTICES/SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT NO.15 (Uo S Rule 20 of CPC)
To:15, Mr. S.M.Roshan Aged major, C/o #124/2A Surabhi, 4th Cross, 8th Main, Triveny Road, Near Venkateshwara Kalyana Mantapa, Yeshwanthapura, Bengaluru-560022

1. WHEREAS, the above named Plaintiff has instituted a suit against you for a relief of permanent injunction restraining you for your agents/servants/assignees from representing themselves as members of BUDAA before the general public among other reliefs,
2. You are hereby summoned to appear before this Court in person or by a Pleader on the 05/10/2023 at 11:00 o'clock, to answer the same, failing which the suit will be disposed of ex parte.
Given under my hand & seal of the Court, this 29th day of August, 2023.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Assistant Registrar
City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
Address for Service:
Pavan Simha
Lexpulus Advocates,
No. 202, Embassy Square, 2nd Floor, #148, Infantry Road, Bangalore-560 001

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IN THE COURT OF 7th ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE
O.S. No. 7083/2022 (CCN-19)
PLAINTIFF: MRS. K. H. MEENA
 W/o. Sri. Manjunath, R/o. Sri Jagadhambakrupa, Gangehalli, Chitradurga - 577 502.
V/S
DEFENDANTS:
 2) M.C. KAUSIK, S/o. Sri D. Chandrashekar
 3) Sri. G.R. ANTHONY RAJ, S/o. Late Raju
 4) Sri. G.R. JOSEPH, S/o. Late Raju
 5) Sri. G.R. GNANAPRAKASH, S/o. Late Raju
 6) Smt. A. MARY LEEA, D/o. Late Raju
SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANTS 2 TO 6
DEFENDANTS ADDRESS
 2) M.C. KAUSIK, S/o. Sri D. Chandrashekar, M. R/o. No. 1783, 18th A Main, 4th T Block Jayanagar, Bangalore-560041.
 3) G.R. ANTHONY RAJ, S/o. Late A. Raju
 4) G.R. JOSEPH, S/o. Late A. Raju
 5) G.R. GNANAPRAKASH, S/o. Late A. Raju
 6) A. MARY LEEA, D/o. Late A. Raju, W/o. Anthony J., D-3 T D D-6, R/o. No. 71/6, 4th Cross, Doreasampahy, Begur, Hobli, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-560076.
 Whereas the above named plaintiff instituted a suit for Declaration against Defendants in respect of the schedule property.
 You are hereby summoned to appear before this court on **29.09.2023 at 11 A.M.** in person or through advocate/pleader to answer the questions to the same. Failing which the suit will be heard and determined.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
 All that piece and parcel of the Property Bearing Site No. 54, in Gramathana House lot No. 61/1677 CMC, S/o. No. 344 and property No. 154/8/54 situated at Bilekahalli Okakula Doreasani Patya Village, Opp. IIM, Near Panduranga Layout called Venkateswara Layout, Begur, Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, and presently BMMP Kanta bearing No. 342/340/344/154/8/54 measuring 40'x30'1/2" totally measuring 1200 sq. ft. BMMP Ward No. 187 bounded on: East by Road, West by Site No. 73, North by Site No. 55, South by Site No. 53 belongs to Smt. Sudhama.
 Given under my hand and seal of the Court, this 30th day of August 2023.
By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.
MAHESH KIRAN SHETTY
 MKS Law Chambers, Advocates & Solicitors
 No. 2, 2nd Cross, NS Iyengar Street, Sheeladipuram, Bangalore - 560 020.

PUBLIC NOTICE
LOSS OF DOCUMENT
 This is to bring to the notice of the General public that my client **Smt. Parvathamma** wife of Mr. Ramiah, aged about 52 years, R/o. Hanamangur Village, Vidyaapeeth Post, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South-560060, is the co-owner of the below mentioned schedule property bearing Kengeri purnasabha Katha Old No-104, new No-1379, Site No-02, measuring East to West 40 feet, North to South 30 feet, totally measuring 1200 Sq.ft., situated at Kengeri Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now presently comes under BMMP acquired under registered sale deed dated 27/12/2002 in office as document vide No. 17526/2002-03 in respect of the Subregistrar Kengeri from her vendor Smt. Chinnamma. W/o. Late Venkatesappa and her children. When my client was getting the Xerox copies of the above said sale deed on 01/07/2023 near Kengeri bus stop she lost the above said original sale deed pertaining to the below said schedule property. And in this behalf my client has also lodged police complaint on 31/08/2023 in lost Report No. 0707286/2023 at Kengeri Police station through online to that effect, she has not handed over the document to anybody nor transacted with respect of the schedule property with anybody. Hence the public are hereby informed that if anybody finds the above said original Sale deed kindly handover the same either to her or to my address, for which suitable reward will be given.
SCHEDULE
 Property bearing Kengeri Purnasabha Katha Old No-104, new No-1379, Site No-02, measuring East to West 40 feet, North to South 30 feet, totally measuring 1200 Sq.ft., of Kengeri Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West: 40 feet, North to South: 30 feet, totally measuring 1200 Sq.ft. and having following boundaries: East by Property belongs to Raja, West by 70 feet Road, North by Property belongs to old owner H M T Sanjeeviah Now belongs to Kempiah, South by Property belongs to Dyavanaga & Gowamma.
KEY ASSOCIATES
K.M. YOGESH, Advocate
 No.197 1st Main, 7th Cross, Opp. Union Bank, K.S. Town, Bangalore-60.
 Mob: 98445 55578, 70266 60006
 Email: yogesh.yadav@gmail.com, Date: 03-09-2023

BEFORE THE HONORABLE SUB JUDGE LAIGUDI-TRICHY, TAMILNADU
MCOP.03/2019
P. VENKATESH S/o Panjanathan
 Keelathoppu, Valadi Post, Lalgudi (TK) Trichy District, Tamilnadu
.... PETITIONERS
VS.
.... RESPONDENTS
—R.1
NEPOLIAN and others
 S/o Selvaraj, #102, Thilak Nagar, Attibelli Anegal (T) Bengaluru, Karnataka
 In the above case, The Nepolian S/o Selvaraj is R.1. The Case will be postponed on **08.09.2023**.
 If you have any objection, you may appear before the Honorable Sub Court of Lalgudi, Trichy, Tamil Nadu.
 By
Sd/- R Chandra Sekar, MA BL
 Advocate for Petitioner
TRICHY, TAMILNADU

PUBLIC NOTICE
 My client propose to purchase the schedule property mentioned herein below from Mrs. **Unakarthika**, W/o. Mr. N. Ravindran, aged about 51 years, Residing at No. 926, 4th Cross, 8th Main, Hoysala Nagar, Ramamurthygar, Bangalore-560016. Any person or persons having any claims/objections for the said transaction in respect of the schedule property may lodge their claims/objections with documentary evidence within 15 (FIFTEEN) days from the date of publication of this notice with the undersigned, failing which, thereafter my client shall proceed to complete the transaction and any claims received thereafter will not be entertained.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
 All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable property bearing Corporation No.4223/Sy.No.49/2/Site No.03 (Formerly bearing Site No.3, carved out of Survey No.49/2 of Munnakolai Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk), situated at Munnakolai, Bangalore, Ward No.149, Varthur Sub Division, presently within the revenue administrative jurisdiction of BMMP measuring 996 square feet, with a building thereon consisting of Ground, First, Second, Third and upper floors with all civic amenities and facilities with all rights, appurtenances, whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on: **East** by: Site No.02, **West** by: Site No.04, **North** by: Road, **South** by: Portion of Property No. 49/2.
A. FERREZ NIZAM, Advocate
 # 113, 1st Floor, 34th Cross, BSK 2nd stage, Bangalore-560070.
 Email: ferrozennizam@gmail.com, Ph: +91 98860 33332.
 Place: Bangalore. Date: 01/09/2023

CHENNAI METRO RAIL LIMITED
 (A Joint Venture of Govt. of India & Govt. of Tamil Nadu)
 METROS, Anna Salai, Nandanam, Chennai - 600 035
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
GeM tender No. - GEM/2023/B/3681151
CMRL invites online bids for the tender "Supply of Lubricating Stick for Rolling Stock Wheel".
 Tender documents can be downloaded from **https://bidplus.gem.gov.in**.
 DIPR/4875/Tender/2023 **Chief General Manager (RS)**

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
 (CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No..B31/SEE/IT/EE(NW&D)/45479/2023-24 Date: 02.09.2023
TENDER NOTIFICATION
 KPTCL invites bid for "AMC of Computers at KPTCL Corporate Office". The bids will be received through e-Procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the enquiry can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on the hyperlink e-Procurement or to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **06.09.2023, 5.00 PM**. Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.
Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele), IT, KPTCL, Kaveri Bhavan, Bengaluru-560 009.

ಚಿರಂಜೀವಿ ದೇವಿ ಇಂಡಸ್ಟ್ರೀಸ್ ಲಿಮಿಟೆಡ್.
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ಕ್ರ.ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಡಿಡಿಎಲ್/ಎಂಎ/2023-24/917 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 02.09.2023
ಬಿಡಾರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
 (ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಿಂಗ್ ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೋಡಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ)
 ದೇವಿ ದೇವಿ ಇಂಡಸ್ಟ್ರೀಸ್ ಲಿಮಿಟೆಡ್ ಅವರ ಬಿಡಾರದಿಂದ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನವುಗಳಿಗೆ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಮತ್ತು ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯ ಬಿಡಾರದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಿಂಗ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಅಪ್ಪಾಯಿಂಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್. ಬಿಡಾರದ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಿಂಗ್ ಪ್ಲಾಟ್‌ಫಾರಂ ಅಡಿ **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ಮೂಲಕ ಅಪ್ಪಾಯಿಂಟ್ ಮಾಡಬೇಕಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ	ಕೆಲಸದ ವಿವರ	ಅವಧಿ	ಇಎಸ್.ಎಂ.ಡಿ
01	ನೌಕರರ ಹಾಗೂ ಅವರ ಕುಟುಂಬದವರ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ವಿಮೆತಾ ಯೋಜನೆ (Tailor made group mediclaim policy for s3 DDIL Employees and their family member).	1 ವರ್ಷಕ್ಕೆ	ರೂ.500/-

ಮೇಕಾ ಪಟ್ಟಿ
 1) ಬಿಡಾರ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಫೈನಲೈಸ್ ಮಾಡುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ :01.09.2023 ರಿಂದ
 2) ಬಿಡಾರ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ :16.09.2023 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 5:30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ
 3) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡಾರದ ದಿನಾಂಕ:19.09.2023 ರಂದು ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 10:00 ಗಂಟೆ ಸವರ
 4) ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯ ಬಿಡಾರದ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 20.09.2023 ರಂದು ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 10:00 ಗಂಟೆ ಸವರ
ಸಹಿ:- ಪ್ರಮಾಣೀಕರಣ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು

FORM No. 14 [See Regulation 33(2)]
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - I
 Govt. Of India, Department Of Financial Services, 4th Floor, BSNL Building, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru - 560001
DRC NO 14281
Vijaya Bank
 Peenya Branch, Peenya, Bengaluru - 560 058.
Certificate Holder
Versus
Mr. Rajesh & Another
Defendants/Certified Debtors
 To
Mr. Rajesh
 S/o. Rosiah, R/o. No.9/A, 6th Cross, Adesh Nagar, L.R.Bande, K.B.Sandra, R.T.Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 032.
Mr. Girish Kumar
 S/o. Sriniwasiah, #190/11, Maharsahra Beedi Adpete, Nelamangala, Bengaluru - 562 123.
Partners:
M/s. Neocel Devices
 #108E, 1st Floor, SBH Buildings, Opp. Old ESI Hospital, 3rd Phase, Peenya, SBM Road, Bengaluru - 560 058.
DEMAND NOTICE
 In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **OA No. 2172/2018** passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bangalore on 18/02/2018 an amount of **Rs.25,59,948.00 (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs) Fifty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Eight Only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization. You are hereby called upon to deposit the amount within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.
 In addition to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay:
 a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings.
 b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.
 Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **11-Sep-2018**.
SD/- (RAJASEKHARAN R) RECOVERY OFFICER-1 DRT-I BANGALORE
Email: rajasekharanr@gmail.in
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RC NO:904/2019
Bank of Baroda
 HSR Layout Branch, No.1026,11th Cross, 24th Main, Sector-I, HSR Layout, Bengaluru-5601 02
Certificate Holder Bank
Versus
MS GPS APPARELS AND OTHERS
Certified Debtor/Defendants
DEMAND NOTICE
 1) **M/s GPS Apparels**
 Represented by its Partner: Sri.C.Govindra & Sri.G.Pavan Raj No.155, 24th Main, Sai Ganesh Krupa Complex, Agara Sarjapura Road, Bengaluru-560034
 2) **Sri.C.Govindraj**
 Partner-M/s GPS Apparels No. 151 2nd Floor, 24* Main, Agara, HSR Layout, Bengaluru-560 102
 3) **Sri.G.Pavan Raj**
 Partner-M/s GPS Apparels No.237/234, APA Ramiah Road, Agara, HSR Layout, Bengaluru-560102
Certified Debtor/Defendants
 In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **OA/88/2018** passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bangalore on 16/03/2019 an amount of **Rs.12,68,568.00 (Rupees Twelve Lakhs) Sixty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Eight Only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization of the Recovery Certificate.
 In addition to the, sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay all charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.
 You are hereby called upon to deposit the amount within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.
 Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **6th day of June 2019**.
SD/- RECOVERY OFFICER-2 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2 BANGALORE.
Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below:
 "Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. 2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of, any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment.
 You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of last 5 years."

PUBLIC NOTICE
 This is information to the general public that my client **Mr. RAGHUNATH.Y S/O YELLAPPA**, No. 464, 1st Cross, 3rd Main, Mathikere Bangalore North, Bangalore - 560054, is intends to purchase the schedule property, from its present owners **Sri. Mr. KONDUR SRINIVASA REDDY AND Mr. KALLURI VENKATESHWARA REDDY**, if anybody having any right, share, claim or objection to the proposed purchase may file their objections in writing along with the copies of supporting documents within 7 days from the date of this publication to the purchaser's advocate at below mentioned address, failing which my clients or their nominees will be advised to go ahead and complete the formalities for the registration of the sale deed in respect of the schedule property.
SCHEDULE
 (Description of the Schedule Property)
 All the piece and parcel of converted land with conversion order No ALN(EVHSR)58/9-10, bearing survey No 128/2, Municipal No 224/128/2, ward No 150, Situated at Bhogannahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, lay out formed in 1 acer 10 Guntas, a Site bearing No.4 (FOUR), Carved out of property bearing BMMP Katha No 224/128/2 measuring East 50 Feet and 1 inch, and on West 50 Feet and 1 INCH, North 30 Feet and South 50 Feet and together with building constructed on the aforesaid site consisting of the ground and six upper floors with a total built up area of about 8700 square feet or thereabouts with amenities of water electricity and sewage:
East by: Site No 3,
West by: Site No 3,
North by: 25 feet Road in same S.No. 1282,
South by: Private Property.
Arun Kumar.Y.H, Advocate,
 No 43/7, Krishnappa Building, Kodigehalli Circle, Sahakaranagara, Bangalore -560092. Mo-9916810682. Date:18/07/2023

IN THE COURT OF THE 61ST ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALURU CITY (CCN-62)
O.S. No. 437/2022
BETWEEN: M. T. M. MAHABOUBULLA, Son of Mr. Mohammed Fazlulla, about 47 years, Residing at # 49/18, Villa No.12, Ezy Court, Subh, Kothur, Hosur, Bangalore Main Road, Bengaluru - 560 077.
PLAINTIFF
AND: MRS. NAAZ PRAVEEN, aged about 48 years, W/o Mr. Irshad Ali Khan, Residing at No. 56, 2nd Cross, Hutchins Road, Cooke Town, Bengaluru - 560084 and others ...
DEFENDANTS
NOTICE/SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANTS No. 2 to 4
 2. **M/s. HARMAN CONSTRUCTION, A** Partnership Firm, Having office at No.3, Chick Bazar Road Cross, Tasker Town, Bengaluru-560084, Represented by its Partner Mr. Haseeb Khan, Son of Mr. Mehboob Khan.
 3. **MR. HASEEB KHAN,** aged about 37 years, Son of Mr. Mehboob Khan.
 4. **MR. IRSHAD ALI,** aged about 61 years Son of Dastgir Khan, Nos. 3 and 4 are having place of business at No. 3, Chick Bazar Road Cross, Tasker Town, Bengaluru-560084.
 Whereas the above named plaintiff instituted a suit against to you specifically formed the Agreement of Sale dated 10.10.2017 in respect of the Item No. 1 to 4 of the Schedule 'B' Property, to deliver vacant physical possession of the Schedule Property and pay compensation of Rs. 2,00,000/- per month from the date of suit till execution of Sale Deed in respect of losses caused to Plaintiff owing to delay.
 You are hereby summoned to appear before this court on **25.10.2022 at 11:00 A.M** in person or through advocate/pleader to answer the questions to the same. Failing which the suit will be heard and determined as ex-parte.
SCHEDULE (IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)
SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY
 All that piece and parcel of Property Bearing Municipal No. 16/1, situated at Harris Road, Benson Town, Division No. 83/82 (Old Municipal No. 9 and Portion of Old Municipal No. 10), within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, BMMP Ward No. 92, Jayamahal, No. 16, P.D. No. 92-34/16/1, Bengaluru, measuring on the East to West 54 Feet (Fifty-Six Feet), on the North to South 57.3 (Fifty-Seven and Nine) Feet, totally measuring 3242.4 and bounded on the: **East** by: Premises bearing No. 15, (15 Old No. 8), West by: Premises No. 16, North by: Site No. 16, South by: Premises No. 17 (Old No. 10).
SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY
I. Item No. 1: Ground Floor Flat Bearing No. GF001, measuring 1107 sq. ft., situated at No. 16/1 (PID No. 92-34/16/1), Harris Road, Benson Town, Bengaluru.
II. Item No. 2: Ground Floor Flat bearing No. GF002, measuring 1182 sq. ft., situated at No. 16/1 (PID No. 92-34/16/1), Harris Road, Benson Town, Bengaluru.
III. Item No. 3: 1st Floor Flat bearing No. FF001, measuring 1743 sq. ft. situated at No. 16/1 (PID No. 92-34/16/1), Harris Road, Benson Town, Bengaluru.
IV. Item No. 4: 2nd Floor Flat bearing No. FF002, measuring 1182 sq. ft., situated at No. 16/1 (PID No. 92-34/16/1), Harris Road, Benson Town, Bengaluru.
 Given under my hand & seal of the court, on this 22/08/2023
 By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.
MANJUNATHA.T.C, Advocate
KNS LEGAL
 No. 11/3-5, 2nd Floor, Palace Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bangalore, Karnataka-560052.

FORM No.14 [See Regulation 33 (2)]
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1-BENGALURU
 BSNL Building , 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560001
DRC NO: 11353
Syndicate Bank, Magadi Road Branch, Bangalore - 560 023.
Versus
...Defendants/Certified Debtors
M/s Anu Enterprises
 To **M/s Anu Enterprises**, Represented by its Proprietor, Sri. S.Palani, S/o Late Samikannu, at No. 68/2, 6th Cross, Shankarappa Garden, Magadi Road, Bangalore - 560 023.
DEMAND NOTICE
 In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **OA No. 326/2013** passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bangalore on an amount of **Rs.12,83,359 (Rupees Twelve Lakhs) Fifty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Nine Only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization. You are hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.
 In addition to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay:
 a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings.
 b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.
 Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **22 day of June 2018**.
Sd/- RECOVERY OFFICER-I, DRT-I : BENGALURU
Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below: "Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. 2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment."

Central Coalfields Limited
 "A Miniratna Company"
 (A Subsidiary of Coal India Limited)
NOTICE
 All the tenders issued by CIL and its Subsidiaries for procurement of Goods, Works and Services are available on websites of Coal India Ltd. **www.coalindia.in/** respective Subsidiary Company (CCL, **www.centralcoalfields.in**), CIL e-procurement portal **https://coalindiatenders.nic.in** and Central Public Procurement Portal **https://eprocure.gov.in** in addition, procurement is also done through GeM portal **https://gem.gov.in**

FORM No.14 [See Regulation 33 (2)]
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1-BENGALURU
 BSNL Building , 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560001
DRC NO: 395/2020
Syndicate Bank, Jalahalli Branch, Kalathur Building, Gangamma Circle, Jalahalli, Bengaluru - 560 013.
Versus
...Certified Debtors
M/s. Manasa Granites & Another
DEMAND NOTICE
 To **1. M/s. Manasa Granites**, Represented By Its Proprietor Mr. Prashanth.H.P. S/o. H.D.Puttaswamy Gowda, No.281, Nanjappa Layout, Vidhyaranyapura Main Road, Bengaluru-560 097. **Also at:** Mr. Prashanth.H.P. No.231, Abhimana Nilaya, Bullet Krishnappa Layout, Vidhyaranyapura, Bengaluru.
2. Mrs. Prathiba.M. W/o. Prashanth.H.P. No.231, Abhimana Nilaya, Bullet Krishnappa Layout, Vidhyaranyapura, Bengaluru
 In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **OA No.1330/2018** passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bengaluru on **09/07/2020** for an amount of **Rs. 72.23,180.03 (Rupees Seventy Two Lakh Twenty Three Thousand One Hundred Eighty and Paise Three Only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization.
 You are hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.
 In addition to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay:
 a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings.
 b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.
 Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this **25 day of Aug. 2020**.
Sd/- RECOVERY OFFICER-I, DRT-I : BENGALURU
Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below: "Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. 2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment."

KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LIMITED
 (A Government of India Undertaking)
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER
 Chief Engineer, Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd., invites Open Tender in Single bid system through E-Tendering on IREPS portal from eligible contractors for the following work:
Sr. No. 1. Name of Work: Carrying out through USFD testing of running rails and welds (excluding flange testing) including level crossings, lead portion of points and crossings and scabbed rail testing of all types of Rails by NBC (Need based concept) method under traffic conditions as per provisions of IR's USFD manual and specifications for Ultrasonic Testing of Rails and Welds with latest correction slips and related instructions, duly marking defects, submission of daily reports and storing back up data as specified and directed with Contractor's USFD machine. The SRT/DRT machine should have minimum of 9 probes (including 37 degree forward/backward probe) with B-scan facility for detecting bolt hole cracks for period of Two years from Km 0/819 to Km 378/100 in Ratnagiri Region of Konkan Railway. Tender Notice No.: **KR/W/1/58/2023/08**. Estimated Cost: Rs. 1,20,43,889/- excluding GST. Closing Date/Time: 26.09.2023 up to 15:00 hrs for submission of online Offers/Bids. Completion period: 24 months inclusive of monsoon.
Sr. No. 2. Name of Work: Carrying out through USFD testing of running rails and welds (excluding flange testing) including level crossings, lead portion of points and crossings and scabbed rail testing of all types of Rails by NBC (Need based concept) method under traffic conditions as per provisions of IR's USFD manual and specifications for Ultrasonic Testing of Rails and Welds with latest correction slips and related instructions, duly marking defects, submission of daily reports and storing back up data as specified and directed with Contractor's USFD machine. The SRT/DRT machine should have minimum of 9 probes (including 37 degree forward/backward probe) with B-scan facility for detecting bolt hole cracks for period of Two years from Km 378/100 to Km 739/760 in Karwar Region of Konkan Railway. Tender Notice No.: **KR/W/1/58/2023/07**. Estimated Cost: Rs. 56,04,732/- excluding GST. Closing Date/Time: 26.09.2023 up to 15:00 hrs for submission of online Offers/Bids. Completion period: 24 months inclusive of monsoon.
 Manual offers shall not be accepted. Please visit **https://ireps.gov.in** website for details / participation. Corrigendum / addendum will be hosted in this website only.

KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LIMITED
 Registered Office: 27, BKC C27, Bandra
 Kuria Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai-400051.
 Branch Office: Kotak House, No. 22, M.G.Road, Bangalore-560001, Corporate Identity No. L85110MH1985PLC038137
APPENDIX-IV-A [REFER PROVISIO TO RULE 8(6)]
E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
E-Auction Cum Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6(2) & 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable Properties/Property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic/Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited** (Secured Creditor/Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited) will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" and "WHATSOEVER THERE" is on 05-10-2023 for recovery of Bank dues of **Rs.46,51,977.08 (Rupees: Twenty Forty Six Lakhs Fifty One Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Seven Paise Eight Only)** as on 03-08-2023 due and payable to the Secured Creditor in addition to Interest, Costs and charges at contractual rate to the Secured Creditor from 1) **Mr. Dinesh Kumar**, No.9, 1st Floor, Nanjappa Building Obiah Lane, Cotton Pet, Near Lucky Inn Large, Bangalore-560053. **Also at:** **Mr. Dinesh Kumar**, Flat No.204, 2nd Floor, Lakshmi Complex, No.19/20, Cottonpet Main Road, Bangalore-560053. **Mr. Dinesh Kumar**, No.268, 1st Floor, P S Lane Santasapet, Chikpet, Behind Raghavendra Prasanna Hotel, Bangalore-560053. 2) **Mrs. SARIKA**, No.9, 1st Floor, Nanjappa Building, Obiah Lane, Cotton Pet, Near Lucky Inn Large, Bangalore-560053.
Short description of Immovable Properties/Property with known encumbrances and certain terms of the sale:-

Loan Account No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower(s) Guarantor (S)	Demand Notice Amount and Date	Reserve Price (RP)	EMD (10% of RP) and Last Date	Inspection Date & Time	Date of Auction & Time	Total Out Standing	Known Encumbrances, If Any.
HF37826945 (CRN 2456757)	1) Mr. Dinesh Kumar (Borrower) & 2) Mrs. Sarika (Co-Borrower)	Rs. 47,72,954.24 (Forty Seven Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Nine Hundred & Fifty Four and Paise Twenty Four Only) as on 12-09-2022 Notice date 19-09-2022	Rs.63,66,500/- (Rupees Sixty Three Lakhs Sixty Six Thousand and Five Hundred Only)	Rs.6,36,650/- (Rupees Six Lakh Thirty Six Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Only)	On 27-09-2023 From 10:00 A.M to 4:00 P.M	On 05-10-2023 At 03.00 P.M to 4:00 P.M	Rs.46,51,977.08 (Rupees: Twenty Forty Six Lakhs Fifty One Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Seven Paise Eight Only) as on 03-08-2023	Nil

Details of the Immovable Properties/Property:- SCHEDULE-A: All that piece and parcel of a property bearing Municipal No.20, situated at Bashyam Road (Cottonpet Main Road) Bangalore, measuring 4613 Sq.Ft, situated within the administrative limits of Ward No.29, ward Name Cottonpet of BMMP, Bangalore, with an apartment building named Lakshmi Complex, standing thereon, **bounded on the: East** by: Remaining portion of the property of M/s Rudra Industrial & Commercial Corporation that being a portion of No.19, Cottonpet, **West** by: Cottonpet Main Road, **North** by: Remaining portion of the property of M/s Rudra Industrial & Commercial Corporation that being a portion of No.19, Cottonpet, **South** by: K.V.Lane and Private Property.
SCHEDULE-B:- All that piece and parcel of a 2 BHK Residential Flat bearing No.204, PID No.29-1-2014, on the second floor of Schedule-A property in the apartment building named Lakshmi Complex, No.19/20, measuring 749 Sq.Ft of super built up area together with 216 Sq.Ft, of undivided share in the land as per Schedule-A and **bounded on the: East** by: Remaining portion of the property of M/s Rudra Industrial & Commercial Corporation that being a portion of No.19, Cottonpet, **West** by: Common Passage & Flat No.201, **North** by: Flat No.203, **South** by: Private Property & Ganesh Temple.
 The Auction will be conducted online through the Bank's approved service provider **M/s C1 India Private Limited**, at their web Portal **www.bankauctions.com**. The Authorised Officer shall have absolute discretion to cancel the e-auction at any point of time, without assigning any reason.
 For detailed terms and conditions of E-Auction sale tender document containing online e-auction Bid Form, Declaration etc, Please refer to the link provided in **www.bankauctions.com** & **https://auctions.kotak.com/properties/auction-notices/** and also may Contact **Mr. Vishwanathan Iyer, Amjad Hussain Lashkar** or by person **Mr. Karun B. Mobile: (+9**



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— Ramnath Goenka

SIMULTANEOUS POLL PANEL AND THE POLITICS OF SURPRISES

Even before the country could fully process the composition of the eight-member committee on simultaneous polls, Congress leader in the Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury refused to be on the panel, charging it was a total eyewash. The other two politicians with seats at the high table are Union home minister Amit Shah and former leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad, who broke away from the Congress to form his own regional party in J&K. Both Azad and Prime Minister Narendra Modi share great vibes. The lone Constitutional lawyer on the panel is senior advocate Harish Salve. Former finance commission chairman N K Singh, retired Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha Dr Subhash C Kashyap and former Vigilance Commissioner Sanjay Kothari, too, are part of the committee that has former President Ram Nath Kovind at the helm. While the members of the committee are rich in administrative and legal acumen, the composition suggests they are broadly in sync with the Centre's views on the concept of 'one nation, one poll'. Divergence, if any, could be on the best package of proposals, not on the wisdom of going for it in the first place.

Simultaneous elections to the Lok Sabha, state assemblies and local bodies with a common voter list is a concept Modi has been advocating ever since he became PM in 2014. It found mention in the BJP's manifesto, too, for the 2019 Lok Sabha polls. But the announcement of the committee came suddenly out of nowhere just like the one on a five-day special session of Parliament without any clarity on its agenda. It led to all kinds of speculation—from early elections to passing the women's reservation bill to headline management away from the Opposition bloc's arclights. Equally stunning for the civil society were three draft bills to replace the IPC, CrPC, and the Evidence Act, which were introduced less than a month ago on the last day of the monsoon session of the Lok Sabha. Surprises hold strategic value but they rarely help in building legislative consensus across the aisle, particularly with the general elections eight months away, if they are not advanced.

A lot of spadework has already been done on the matter previously, including by the 21st Law Commission. So, the committee could build on them and wrap up its recommendations quite quickly. How early though is anybody's guess.

MUTED TAX GROWTH SPELLS TROUBLE FOR GOVT

The Centre's muted tax collection numbers have gotten lost in the euphoria around the better-than-expected GDP numbers in the first quarter of the current financial year. While the GDP numbers are giving a rosy picture of the economy, tax collection numbers should make the government a little worried. More worrisome is that the corporate tax revenue in Q1 of FY24 showed a 10% contraction compared to last year. This despite the fact that listed companies witnessed a healthy operating profit growth of over 30% in Q1. The overall tax collection during the April-July period also showed signs of fatigue, with gross tax revenue growing by a paltry 2.8% against the government's full-year target of 10%. If the situation persists, the government might find many of its financial ratios, including fiscal deficit as a percentage of GDP, going off the target.

One possible explanation for the muted tax revenue growth is the slow growth in the nominal GDP. While the real GDP grew at 7.8% in the first quarter, the nominal GDP grew at only 8%, indicating very low inflation levels. This may sound unreal as retail inflation has been going up in the last couple of months, but the truth is that wholesale inflation has been in the negative zone since the beginning of FY24. While calculating nominal GDP, a large part of the inflation is accounted for by wholesale inflation. The practice in the tax system is to levy tax on nominal income, that is, increase in income due to price rise. So, the higher the inflation, the higher the tax collection. But in the current situation, wholesale inflation is negative, neutralising the impact of retail inflation. So, tax collection is lower. But this does not yet explain the fall in corporate tax collection despite healthy profit growth shown by listed companies. The possible reason could be that a large number of smaller businesses might be forced to work on very thin profit margins as larger players keep consolidating their markets.

The contraction in corporate tax collection coupled with an underwhelming private investment scenario may spell trouble for the government. In the absence of healthy private investment, the government needs more taxes to keep investing in infra and asset creation. But if tax collections remain muted, the government may fail on many fronts, including keeping the government capex high and maintaining a healthy fiscal position.

QUICK TAKE

GENDERED LAWYERING

Veteran lawyer Indira Jaising wants Supreme Court guidelines to check the sexist behaviour of male colleagues. She cites instances of gender bias, especially in courtroom interactions, addressing Jaising as 'she' or even 'delightful' instead of 'my learned friend', and often telling her, 'Don't raise your voice in court.' Gender stereotyping in the judiciary's *sanctum sanctorum* surely goes against the equality principle CJs constantly advocate. The problem is universal. A Virginia Law Review study says male justices of the US Supreme Court 'interrupt' female justices thrice as often as they interrupt each other during oral arguments. The formidable Ruth Bader Ginsburg was a victim, too.

In the end, the coalition exercise came down to seeking the middle route, intersecting grammar, message, syntax and semantics. Were the structures set up by I.N.D.I.A to straighten out the contradictions inherent among 28 parties—each with their own self-interests, angularities, strengths and weaknesses—by regrouping under one banner about to overwhelm the message of defeating the BJP-helmed NDA? The banding together of a large Opposition spectrum before the 2024 Lok Sabha polls is the most significant development in a political landscape that has remained stagnant since 2014, though one can hear cynics scoffing (with justification) at the ambition of the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance to displace the BJP at the Centre. Past coalition projects came unstuck for various reasons, not the least being the egocentricity of the party in the driver's seat: the Congress.

After ruling at the Centre for decades, the Congress has learnt its lessons the hard way during the nine years that Narendra Modi has been in power. The Congress' leadership realised that dealing with the formidable Modi-Amit Shah duo was not the same as fashioning a relationship with the Vajpayee-Advani team in the NDAs early avatar. Despite the rhetoric and acrimony over then-Congress president Sonia Gandhi's "foreign" origin and the dodgy defence acquisitions in the Rajiv Gandhi era which the BJP used in its campaigns, Vajpayee and Advani were more flexible in accommodating the Opposition's interests. The present dispensation, however, is unprepared to grant its rivals, more so the Congress, leeway to settle down in and outside Parliament. The Congress' fate hangs by a thread which swings perilously as the Central investigative agencies and lower courts pursue cases against its leaders.

The Congress and the Gandhis are in the same plight as the regional leaders they have fought at various points, like Arvind Kejriwal, Mamata Banerjee and Mayawati, or befriended, like Lalu Prasad, Uddhav Thackeray and Sharad Pawar. Self-protection before consolidating their politics is the glue that cemented I.N.D.I.A against the backdrop of its constituents' collective fear that a third term for Modi could annihilate the Opposition.

The coalition's recent conclave in Mumbai—the third such get-together after Patna and Bengaluru—was important inasmuch as the leaders sought common ground to foster their objectives while attempting to identify and narrow down their differences. Handy shibboleths of the past like fighting

Launching a joint campaign will require a counternarrative against the BJP's Hindutva discourse and Modi's persona as the purveyor of muscular nationalism. But it's not impossible

FOR I.N.D.I.A, MILES TO GO BEFORE STANDING AS TALL AS NDA

RADHIKA
RAMASESHAN

Columnist and political
commentator



SOUMYADIP SINHA

"authoritarianism" and "communalism" are useless because these labels mean little to most voters. Better to confront the differences head-on in the early days than allow these to amplify and pull the parties apart in the days leading up to the elections.

Mamata Banerjee, the West Bengal chief minister and Trinamool Congress Party chairperson, said at the Mumbai meet that a joint campaign could not kick off without achieving unanimity over contesting one-on-one against the NDA in a majority of the 543 Lok Sabha seats, a ballpark estimate being 400. Ironically, the figure did not include the seats on her own turf, where an intransigent Left Front will not brook the idea of a joint fight against the BJP even if the Congress played ball with the TMC. On its part, the TMC signalled willingness to cede to the

Congress the seats it won in 2019. If the BJP is the most powerful party in the country, the TMC is its equivalent in West Bengal. A splintered Opposition suits the BJP countrywide. The TMC stands to gain if all the anti-Mamata votes do not fall into the BJP's catchment. An adversarial Left Front can help split the anti-TMC votes.

While alliances are broadly in place in Bihar, Tamil Nadu and even Maharashtra despite NCP leader Sharad Pawar's enigmatic remarks, the state to watch out for is Uttar Pradesh, which remains the BJP's strongest terrain after Gujarat. The Samajwadi Party and Congress are fighting the Ghosi Assembly bypoll together on September 5. It's essentially Akhilesh Yadav's election to win or lose because the Congress has minimal political capital left in UP. As in

SUCH A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

RENUKA NARAYANAN

FAITHLINE



Will he really come to our house, ask excited children. We can't claim to know God's ways. But we could think of these small, sweet gestures, whatever our faith, as greeting cards to God to express our love and thanks for being present in our lives. In my view, festivals are culturally and emotionally fulfilling. The rest is between you and God. As Goswami Tulsidas put it in the 16th century, "As you perceive God, so does God appear to you."



Homes in the South use white rice flour to make 'baby footprints' from the front door to the puja room. A ball of freshly churned, sweet white butter awaits Baby Krishna there should he choose to drop by

Beyond the joyous mood of Janmashtami, however, there is a dark point to ponder over in the babyhood of Sri Krishna. The grim circumstances of his birth in jail and Yogmaya's warning to Kamsa that his killer was alive put Krishna in danger almost at once. He killed his first demon when he was only seven days old by sucking the life out of Putana's poisoned breast.

The Yadavas in their bewilderment and love normalised Baby Krishna's feats but a modern person shudders to think of how many attempts were made and what powerful forces were used to kill that baby. What a variety of demons was sent by Kamsa, some so deceptively harmless at first like Putana. It is as engrossing as a *Harry Potter* novel. No wonder gifted storytellers thrilled listeners for centuries with the exploits of Krishna, even as an infant.

Krishna was barely three months old

when he killed Shakatasura the Cart Demon. This demon entered an ordinary wooden handcart and lurked there, waiting for an opportunity to run over Krishna. But Krishna, who was left under it by Yashoda while busy, kicked it with his baby foot, killing the demon on the spot.

After that, Krishna was whirled away by Trinavarta the Tornado Demon. He hoped to dash Krishna to death by dropping him from a great height. But the infant grew so heavy that Trinavarta himself was dragged down. He hit a boulder when he fell and died instantly.

Vatsasura, the Calf Demon, came by not long after. He blended in with Nanda's herds disguised as a tender young calf, hoping to get at Krishna when the chance arose. But Krishna recognised him. To the horror of the cowherds, who loved their cattle and never mistreated them, Krishna seized the demon calf by its hindlegs and dashed it to death against a tree. The demon's real form appeared when he died and only then did the cowherds realise the danger that had been averted.

Bakasura, the Crane Demon, appeared next. He was Putana's brother and a close friend of Kamsa. He took the form of an outsize crane and tried to pierce Krishna with his sharp beak. But Krishna wrenched his beak apart until it snapped, and Bakasura was no more.

Aghasura, the eldest brother of Bakasura and Putana, then assumed the form of a monstrous snake. He opened his jaw wide like a cave, hoping to swallow Krishna. A number of little *gopa* boys even trooped in unknowingly. But Krishna killed Aghasura with fierce blows and saved them.

Next, Arishtasura, the Bull Demon, charged at Krishna one day to trample him to death. Krishna seized him by the horns and threw him back eighteen paces. Arishtasura charged again and this time, the little boy killed him.

In some cases, if we think about it, Krishna used his attackers' strength against them, like in the principle of martial arts. This Janmashtami, perhaps we may be inspired by Krishna to successfully tackle our own inner demons.

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Modi adventurism

Ref: *Surprise session another Modi adventurism* (Sept 3). The agenda-less surprise special session of Parliament has set the cat among the opposition parties, who are speculating and making mountains out of a molehill. Their strategy will revolve around how to disrupt the session by raising issues like Adani, Manipur, etc. It will be an exercise in futility by the Centre as the opposition is habituated to disrupting the proceedings and avoiding any meaningful deliberations. Parthasarathy Mandadi, Tirupati

One election

Ref: *One nation, one election, one opposition* (Sept 3). If one alliance can be formed, albeit one of parties with divergent ideologies, why can't there be one election? Apart from saving crores of rupees for the exchequer, this concept will help to test the waters and gauge the pulse of the people. Resistance to change is inevitable. But what is the harm in trying? CM Umanath, Kozhikode

Music mania

Ref: *Celebrating music in our own Salzburg* (Sept 3). Nanditha Krishna's disappointment in the government's negligence of Myslapore and Thiruvaiyaru is understandable. The music festivals in these places have become yearly rituals and after the events end, no one visits. The government must take a leaf out of Austria's book by arranging musical festivals, erecting the statues of music maestros, and building museums, all of which would improve the tourist inflow and the local economy. DS Gururaj, Bengaluru

Kotak resigns

Ref: *Veteran Banker Uday Kotak resigns as MD & CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank* (Sept 3). His decision to quit four months prior to the scheduled date has taken everyone by surprise. He has indeed created a great organisation and whoever fills his shoes has a huge task ahead of him or her. Bal Govind, Noida

Caste amity

Ref: *Progressive steps must let caste amity replace caste pride* (Sept 2). All, including students, must think that they belong to no caste. To impress this upon them, caste organisations must be banned. 6 Purushothaman, Tirunelveli

Oommen Chandy

Apropos of Abuse case: *Court okays CBI clean chit for Chandy* (Sept 3). This only adds to the respect Keralites had for Chandy. But the timing of the development, which came on the eve of the Puthuppally by-election, might set the cat among the pigeons in the LDF camp. Dr George Jacob, Kochi



Pralhad Joshi @JoshiPralhad
Today, infrastructure is being built rapidly and a large amount of investment is being made from abroad, for which we need a lot of skilled persons.



Prashant Bhushan @pbbhushan1
Harish Salve, who is appointed by govt in the 'Nation Election' panel, figures in the Panama Papers and Pandora papers as holding secret accounts in tax havens.



Mallikarjun Kharge @Kharge
This gimmick of forming a committee on 'One Nation, One Election' is a subterfuge for dismantling the Federal Structure of India.

Jail reforms: SC panel moots sweeping changes

Recommends mandatory segregation of undertrials, convicts and first-time offenders; creation of suicide-proof barracks

SHRUTI KAKKAR @ New Delhi

LAMENTING the state of affairs in prisons across the country, the Supreme Court Committee on Prison Reforms has recommended mandatory segregation of undertrials, convicts and first-time offenders inside jails, while producing them in courts, during their hospital visits, etc.

"The issue of overcrowding lies majorly with the undertrial population in prisons. Many states have a high number of undertrial prisoners who are languishing in jails for years, awaiting trial. Speedy trial can become the effective tool to address this issue and, hence, following steps can be taken in this regard: (i) special fast track courts to be set up to extensively deal with petty offences and for cases pending for five years or more. This will significantly put a curb on increasing the number of undertrials in prisons," the committee said.

The recommendations have been put forth by the committee, headed by ex-judge Amitava Roy, to the Supreme Court in a report in compliance of a 2018 order. The committee, comprising

RECOMMENDATIONS

Overcrowding

- Segregation of undertrials, convicts and first-time offenders not only inside jails but also during production in courts, visit to hospitals or intra-jail movements
- Special fast-track courts to deal with petty offences pending for 5 years or more
- District and sessions judge to regularly monitor progress of cases pending in for more than one year in a session triable case and for more than six months in magistrate triable cases

Suicides

- Suggests suicide-proof barracks with collapsible material
- Identify potential hanging and anchoring points within the existing design of prison infrastructure

Transgender

The panel noted that only 13 states and 2 UTs have designated a 'complaint officer' to deal with complaints of violation of rights of transgender inmates. Majority of the states and UTs have not formulated welfare schemes for transgender prisoners. Existing welfare schemes are being extended to them

ing Director General of Tihar Prisons and Inspector General of Bureau of Police Research and Development, was tasked to study the issue of jail reforms and recommend the aspects of overcrowding in prisons, condition of women and children, transgender prisoners, death-row convicts, semi-open or open jails, and reforms in juvenile correctional homes.

Agreeing to examine the recommendations, the Supreme Court had asked the Centre and states to respond to the sugges-

tions in three weeks. A bench of justices Hima Kohli and Rajesh Bindal had said it would firstly consider the issues pertaining to women and children, transgender prisoners and death-row convicts and later address the other issues.

To address overcrowding in jails, prevent prisons from becoming a "breeding ground" for violence and "recruitment centres for criminals", justice Roy committee has recommended tasking district and

sessions judge with the responsibility of regularly monitoring the progress of cases pending in courts where the accused is in custody for more than one year in a session triable case and for more than six months in magistrate triable cases.

Highlighting the grim reality of states regarding formulation of welfare schemes for transgender prisoners and appointment of a designated officer to deal with complaints of violation of rights, the panel

in its report said, "Prison authorities of only 13 states and two Union Territories have designated a 'complaint officer' to deal with complaints of violation of rights of transgender inmates in prisons as mentioned under Section 11 of Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019. Majority of the states and Union Territories have not formulated welfare schemes for transgender prisoners. Existing welfare schemes are being extended to them. Only seven states and two Union Territories have specifically provided the measures taken by prison authorities to facilitate their access to the relevant welfare schemes."

Against an increase in cases of suicide by hanging, the panel while calling death in prisons as one of the worst violations of human recommended or suicide-proof barracks with collapsible material.

"There is a need to identify potential hanging and anchoring points within the existing design of prison infrastructure and to build suicide-resistant cells/barracks with collapsible material," the panel said.

Mechanised farming in limbo, need to expedite it, says parliamentary panel

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

A report of a parliamentary committee attached to the agricultural ministry has said that the government has been clueless about farm mechanisation that has impacted the agricultural policy and productivity, adversely affecting farmers' income. It has not done any formal study to assess the farm mechanisation in the country, the report says.

However, a proposal by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) to assess the farm mechanisation has been pending with the agriculture ministry for last two years.

The parliamentary standing committee report, released in August, states the government does not know the gaps in the farm mechanisation process. It has negatively impacted agricultural productivity, adding to the economic burden on small and marginal farmers.

The Bhopal-based Central Institute of Agricultural Engineering (CIAE) of ICAR had sent a proposal to the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare in 2021. There has been no development so far on it.

"A nationwide study is yet to be made to make a proper plan based on the need and gap in farm mechanisations, especially small and marginal farmers," said CIAE director CR Mehta, adding, "Our institute had sent the proposal to hold a nationwide sample survey in line with the agriculture census."

India has more than 86% small and marginal farmers having less than 2 hectares of land. These farmers are not in a position to buy huge farm equipment. Also, they do not find appropriate machines for small holdings. It has led to an increase in their investment on seeds, fertilisers and labour costs and time, the report said.

Machines help in improvement in rate of seed germination, saving time, managing weeds, increasing cropping intensity and over-yields.

Meanwhile, the report, 'Research and Development in Farm Mechanization for Small and Marginal Farmers in the Country', states the overall agriculture mechanisation level of the country is 47%, comparatively lower than that of other developing countries such as China (59.5%) and Brazil (75%).

4th Sherpa meet in Manesar to firm up G20 final agenda

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

THE fourth, and the last, Sherpa meeting under India's G20 Presidency is being held in Manesar, amidst heightened security. The meeting, which began on September 3 will conclude on September 7.

"India's G20 Presidency stands as a beacon of inclusivity, representing the voice of the Global South as the world's largest multilateral forum. In the upcoming summit, G20 member nations will advocate for a fairer and more sustainable world for all. Together we will shape the future," said India's G20 Sherpa Amitabh Kant.

This meeting is crucial as it will outline the final agenda for the upcoming G20 Summit, which will be shared with the delegates attending it.

The meeting is being held in ITC Grand Bharat Hotel and Lemon Tree in Gurgaon.

"After a year of constructive deliberations with all my counterparts, I look forward to constructive discussions as we gear up for the New Delhi Leader's Summit," Kant said.

Around 176 delegates are expected to attend this meeting, which includes officials from the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).



The foreign dignitaries will be introduced to the cultural aspects of Gurgaon. Flags of all nations have been put up around the venue. A statue of Lord Vishnu has been installed. Another attraction is a robot that will greet guests at the venue.

India assumed the G20 Presidency on December 1, 2022. Nearly 200 meeting across 60

cities and over one lakh visitors have been the highlight.

"India's G20 Presidency has sowed the seeds of confidence in the countries of the Global South. They will shape the direction of the world in the coming years on climate change, global institutional reforms and more," said Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday.



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PRAVIN KUMAR, RAHUL NAVIN LOCKED IN CLOSE RACE

Indian Revenue Service officers Pravin Kumar, who is currently serving as Member (Income Tax and Revenue) in the Central Board of Direct Taxes, and Rahul Navin, Special Director in the Enforcement Directorate (ED) are the front-runners for the post of ED Director. The post will fall vacant on September 16 as the present director Sanjay Kumar Mishra will retire on September 15 as per the order of the Supreme Court. Sources said that the two officers have been shortlisted among the many contenders and one of them would be named as the new director this week. Pravin Kumar served as the ED head of West Bengal during the last state elections and later moved to Gujarat. He was appointed as CDDT member in July this year. He was expected to get the post of Member (Investigation) in the CDDT. But the post has been retained by chairman Nitin Gupta. Sources, however, said that Pravin is closely involved in investigations across the country. Rahul Navin has worked closely with the outgoing ED chief and has earned appreciation of the present Union government. According to sources, the government is planning to create a new post of Central Investigation Officer (CIO) and Sanjay Kumar Mishra is expected to be appointed the first CIO. The process of appointing a CIO will start after the appointment of the new ED chief. Once the post of CIO is created, the Central Bureau of Investigation and the ED will report to the CIO.



Battle 2024

NO INDIA SEAT-SHARING IN PUNJAB, KERALA AND WB

The INDIA group of opposition parties has formed a coordination committee to discuss seat-sharing among member parties. They aim to pitch a common candidate against the BJP in as many Lok Sabha constituencies as possible in the 2024 general election. With the Union government's decision to convene a special five-day session of Parliament triggering talk of early Lok Sabha election, the opposition parties have decided to try and conclude the seat-sharing pact as early as the end of this month. Sources said that the parties have arrived at a broad understanding under which there would be no alliance in states where non-INDIA parties are non-existent or too weak to defeat the INDIA party candidates. The idea is not to cede the opposition space to non-INDIA parties. For example, in Kerala the two main players are the Left and Congress. There is hardly any scope for a third force to win a Lok Sabha seat. All the Lok Sabha seats are expected to fall in the INDIA kitty, regardless of who wins in Kerala. Similarly, in Punjab the two main parties are Aam Aadmi Party and Congress, both constituents of INDIA. It is unlikely that AAP and Congress would enter into an understanding in Punjab. In West Bengal too, the Congress and Left parties would continue their alliance, but they would not have a formal tieup with the ruling Trinamool Congress. An informal understanding among the opposition parties is, however, not ruled out in West Bengal. INDIA's alliance talks will mainly focus on the following states: Delhi, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Tamil Nadu and Jammu and Kashmir. While Bihar, Jharkhand and TN are the easy states, talks for Delhi, UP, Maharashtra, Gujarat and J&K would be watched with interest.

Southern states record high infertility rates: Study

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

KERALA, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Telangana have higher infertility rates than northern states, according to a recent study, which found that age of marriage, biological factors and lifestyle factors are strongly linked to infertility.

The other states seeing similar trends in infertility are Goa, Delhi, Sikkim and Himachal Pradesh, said the study published in PLOS ONE journal.

The study 'Surging trends of infertility and its behavioural determinants in India' is based on the secondary data available after four rounds of the National Family Health Surveys spread from 1992 to 2016.

The data showed that many causes of infertility — such as sexually transmitted diseases, lifestyle factors and healthcare practices — were curable.

It also pointed out that women suffer to a great extent from childlessness as compared to men, and they always bear the burden of psychological, family and community pressure.

It was observed that having multiple sex partners and sexually transmitted infections were significant causes of infertility and induced abortions. "The infertility rate is higher in developing countries due to sexually transmitted infections

Behavioural determinants

HIGH INFERTILITY RATES WERE FOUND IN KERALA, TAMIL NADU, KARNATAKA, TELANGANA, GOA, DELHI, SIKKIM AND HIMACHAL PRADESH

Infertility has risen from 13% in 1981 to 16% in 2001, according to estimates of the Census of India (1981, 1991, 2001)

8-12% of couples suffer from infertility worldwide

SOME CAUSES OF INFERTILITY

- Lifestyle factors
- Sexually transmitted diseases
- Lack of adequate and modern medical facilities
- Living environment of couples such as frequent exposure to heat and noise
- Excess weight
- Multiple sex partners
- Cigarette smoking
- Alcohol consumption
- Induced abortions
- Prior use of contraceptives



and lack of 'adequate and modern medical facilities,' said the study, conducted by the Centre of Social Medicine and Community Health under Jawaharlal Nehru University and International Institute for Population Sciences in Mumbai.

Many other factors such as environmental, socio-economic and lifestyle-related issues contribute to the problem. "Living environment of a couple, such as frequent exposure to heat and noise, have adverse effect on the couple's reproductive life," the study said, adding "people with excess weight

have a major impact on men's reproduction, infertility, miscarriage, pregnancy and labour." Smoking, alcohol consumption, induced abortions and prior contraceptive use also increase the risk of infertility.

"The estimates of the Census of India (1981, 1991, 2001) show that infertility in India has increased among reproductive age couples. It has risen from 13 per cent in 1981 to 16 per cent in 2001," said the report, adding, "It was observed that the infertility rate has declined between 1998-99 and 2005-06. Another study from India found that

about 8 per cent of currently married women suffered from primary and secondary infertility, of which 5.8 per cent were secondary infertility," it said.

WHO suggests that worldwide, about 8-12 per cent of couples suffer from infertility, and its incidence rate varies worldwide. "In India, the infertility issue is serious yet neglected, and it is frequently overlooked in public health discussions, which may cause a huge adverse impact on people's reproductive and productive life in the long-term," Dr Balhasan Ali, one of the authors, told this newspaper.

He added that the country's rising infertility rate is a big issue, particularly in south Indian states. "This high infertility rate in southern states may also contribute to overall total fertility rate (TFR) decline."

Ali, a demographer at the International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai, said although primary infertility (inability to conceive) has decreased modestly in recent decades, secondary infertility (inability to bear a child after having an earlier birth) has risen dramatically. This is mainly due to lifestyle choices.

The study suggested that primary fertility is higher among younger women, and secondary infertility among the older.

Smart helmets to help CPWD staff in supervision and decision-making work

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

THE Central Public Work Department (CPWD) is mulling over the use of a cloud-based photo documentation system to improve communication, monitoring of projects and real-time decision-making.

The staff will wear a 'smart helmet' equipped with a 360-degree camera and artificial intelligence (AI) system to capture real-time images, which will be transferred and uploaded on the website through a cloud-based system automatically.

The photo will be available to all managers or officials concerned via a smart phone or tablets and enable them to collaborate and deliver decision support within the shortest possible time.

The agency decided to use the technology on pilot basis at two sites — under construction AIIMS, Jammu and its maintenance division in Delhi to test its 'efficacy in effective project management.' An office memorandum issued by the department stated that the trial period is just one month to check its viability.

According to the officials, a presentation was made before



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the D-G and senior officials recently in which automated 360 degree photo documentation system using cutting-edge technology including a 360° camera mounted on a smart helmet, computer vision and AI to efficiently capture the ongoing work and their analysis was demonstrated. After the presentation, the authority decided to put the technology into operation at two sites for trial.

The CPWD, a construction management department under the MoHUA, provides services from project concept to completion, consultancy and maintenance management for government offices.

Mobile devices such as smart phones and tablets enable managers to access data and control

devices from anywhere and anytime. It can improve communication, collaboration and enable real time decision-making, said officials.

"Competent authority has decided to put to use this technology at two sites on pilot basis for one month free of cost, namely C/o AIIMS Jammu and a maintenance division under ADG (Delhi) so as to check its worthiness and efficacy in effective project management," read the note.

In May, the D-G issued instructions to fix responsibility of the 'erring officers' after it was noticed that details of progress related to projects were not being uploaded in the web-based project monitoring system regularly.

Mission C'garh: Rahul connects with youth, masses

Says Cong doors open for the state's 25% youth population aged between 18 & 25 years who have the potential to bring about change

EJAZ KAISER @Raipur

WITH Assembly polls around the corner, the ruling Congress in Chhattisgarh has intensified its efforts to reach out to young voters. The party is holding interactive sessions with the youth about their aspirations.

On Saturday Congress leader Rahul Gandhi exhorted the youth to participate in the state's political journey through the 'Rajiv Yuva Mitam Sammelan' in the state capital Raipur. The theme of such gatherings is to focus on the youth to make them a significant player in the nation's growth story.

Rahul took the occasion on Saturday to impress upon the youth on the implied consequences of their participation in politics such as their engagement with greater responsibility in the state's growth trajectory. "The Congress wishes to open the door of politics for you," he told the gathering.

The Congress leader talked about spreading the message of love and brotherhood among the citizens. He also shared his concerns over the escalating hostility in society to divide the people. "The youth have the potential to bring about change



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi with CM Bhupesh Baghel, Deputy CM TS Singh Deo and others at a function in Raipur | PTI

that the country needs. They should be made aware of the growing politics of hatred," said Shikha Bharadwaj, who attended the event.

According to an estimate over 25% of the state's population comprises youngsters aged between 18 and 25 years.

Those who attended the Sammelan appreciated Rahul's remarks that in Chhattisgarh, most youths had working skills that could be in sync with national demands. "Every small industry should get the right

support of bank linkage and youth-oriented policies. Besides, the state is centrally located in the country. It should then be ideally placed to become the country's logistical centre," said Gandhi.

"Rahul's ideas, if pursued by the government, will boost the scope of employment," said a participant. "His idea about the importance of youth's participation in the political process should be welcomed by all," said the participant.

Chief Minister Bhupesh

Baghel also interacted with the first-time voters and asked them to join politics with the belief that only good governments can ensure a better system to prevail. There are 4.44 lakh new voters in 1.97 crore electors in the state.

The CM also had dialogue sessions with the youth under 'Bhent Mulakat' (public interaction) programme in all five divisions of the state to gain a better understanding of the issues concerning the youth and their achievements.

FUTURE READY

Rajiv Yuva Mitam Club in the state offers an opportunity to youngsters to shape the right attitude for responsible roles and develop leadership skills

13,242

RAJIV YUVA MITAM CLUBS CONSTITUTED

3,32,770

YOUNGSTERS ARE MEMBERS OF YUVA CLUBS

₹132.49 CR

GIVEN TO 13,242 CLUBS SO FAR

OVER 25% OF THE STATE'S POPULATION IS YOUTH BETWEEN 18 & 25 YEARS, ACCORDING TO AN ESTIMATE



The clubs also create awareness about govt welfare schemes, plantation drive, environment conservation, help people in making their ration cards, caste and income certificates

CREATION OF MITAM CLUBS WAS ONE OF THE PROMISES IN THE 2018 CONGRESS POLL MANIFESTO

EACH CLUB HAS 20-40 YOUTH IN THE AGE GROUP OF 15 & 40

Yuva Clubs get 4 installments of ₹25,000 each quarter



Chhattisgarh is the first state in the country to engage the youth in such a huge strength for productive work... The idea is to realise the vision of former PM late Rajiv Gandhi in facilitating the youth to play the role as 'Yuva Shakti'

Bhupesh Baghel, Chief Minister, Chhattisgarh

Panic among Char Dham pilgrims as avalanche strikes

NARENDRA SETHI @Dehradun

REPORTS of a fresh avalanche created panic among groups of newly arrived devotees to the Char Dham Yatra on Sunday. The yatra has been going on intermittently for the last two weeks.

Information received from the District Disaster Management Authority Rudrapur confirmed later today that an avalanche occurred on Sunday morning from Sumeru Hill near Kedarnath Dham.

In May an avalanche occurred along the Kedarnath Dham. There were three incidents in September and October last year.

This is the fifth avalanche in the last one year, sources said. Adding to the worries of the pilgrims is the rise in the water level of the Saraswati.

District Disaster Management officer Nandan Singh Rajwar told this daily that the Sunday avalanche took place around 7:30 am.

"No loss of life or property has been reported, he said.

According to the office of the Disaster Management Authority the avalanche occurred in a part of the glacier located in the upper region of Char-bari Tal, about 4km from Kedarnath. This time, there was a cloud of snow in the area for



5th in a year

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An avalanche hits Kedarnath hills in Rudrapur district on Sunday | PTI

five to seven minutes.

"The way the ice balloon was rapidly moving downwards, it was estimated that a large amount of new snow had fallen from a considerable height," said an official.

"Due to the deteriorating situation due to heavy monsoon, the Meteorological Department has again issued an alert of heavy rains and has predicted that the monsoon will depart late this time," said

state Meteorological Department Director Bikram Singh.

"Due to global warming, avalanche events are now being witnessed unexpectedly over the Himalayan region," Singh added.

"During the rain disaster, when the number of pilgrims per day for the Char Dham Yatra came down to around 800, it is again crossing the 2,200-mark," said a tourism official.

J'khand ruling alliance members submit memo to Guv's guard on 3 bills

MUKESH RANJAN @Ranchi

AFTER failing to get an appointment with Jharkhand Governor CP Radhakrishnan, members of the State Coordination Committee (SCC) on Sunday reached Raj Bhavan and handed over a memorandum to the security guard at the gate seeking Governor's stand over three bills that have been returned to the state government.

The SCC panel is formed by the JMM, Congress and the RJD — to enable the parties to maintain coordination.

The SCC members said the Raj Bhavan has not mentioned the specific objections in the Bills, violating Article 200 of the Constitution.

The SCC members also alleged that despite the fact that they had written to the Raj Bhavan on September 1 seeking time for September 3, but neither the time was received nor was any information given.

"It is clear the Raj Bhavan and the Governor are working under pressure of a particular

party or a particular person," they said.

JMM general secretary Vinod Kumar Pandey accused the Governor of violating Article 200 of the Constitution, suggesting that the Governor is working at the behest of a specific party.



It appears the Governor does not want local and reservation policies to be formulated. They want him to clear his stand on the three bills

Vinod Kumar Pandey, JMM general secretary

"It appears the Governor does not want local and reservation policies to be formulated," said Pandey. They want the Governor to clear his stand on the three bills passed by the state Assembly, he added.

State Congress chief Rajesh Thakur said this is for the first time that the leaders of the ruling alliance are not given time by the Raj Bhavan.

"However, opposition leaders freely enter the Governor's house and set their agenda," said Thakur.

The then Governor Ramesh Bais in March 2022 had returned the anti-lynching bill to the state government with two specific suggestions, including reconsidering the definition of 'mob' which was "not in consonance with the well-defined legal lexicon or glossary".

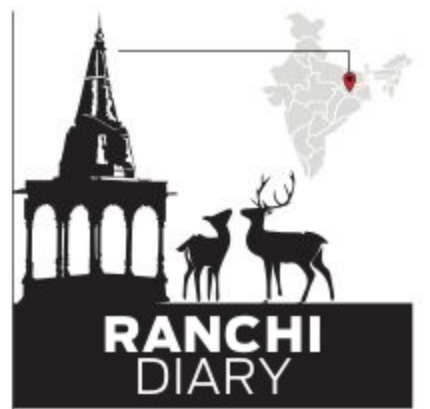
Ex-TMC MLA joins BJP days before bypoll

PRANAB MONDAL @Kolkata

TWENTY-four hours after welcoming TMC's national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee on a dais, former MLA of the ruling party in Dhupguri joined the BJP on Sunday, three days before by-election in the north Bengal's Assembly constituency. The defection of Mitali Roy, who contested in the 2016 Assembly elections and bagged the seat, appears to be a jolt to the ruling party hours before the by-poll.

Dhupguri Assembly seat fell vacant on July 25 with the demise of incumbent BJP MLA Bishnupada Roy. The by-election to the seat will be held in BJP's turf in Bengal along with six Assembly constituency in five states. The counting of votes will be held on September 5. Mitali, who lost to BJP's candidate in the 2021 Assembly elections, was seen not only sharing stage with chief minister Mamata Banerjee's nephew on Saturday but also welcoming Banerjee by placing a piece cloth on his shoulders.

Mitali said she had decided to stay away from political events after the 2021 Assembly polls. "But I was pressurised to be present at Banerjee's event and campaign for TMC's candidate. I didn't do it wholeheartedly. I took the decision of joining BJP last night," she said.



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It's woman vs woman in Dumri bypoll

It's going to be close contest in Dumri by-poll as it is a direct face-off between JMM leader late Jagrath Mahato's wife Bebi Devi from INDIA bloc and AJSU's Yasodha Devi, fielded by NDA. The by-poll, which is scheduled for September 5, was necessitated due to the death of JMM leader and former education minister Jagrath Mahato earlier this year. Mahto, popularly known as 'Tiger', had secured high victory margins in 2019, securing 71,000 votes to defeat Yasodha Devi by a margin of more than 34,000 votes. JMM is capitalising on the sympathy wave, while AJSU is banking on the Modi wave.



Women hockey players selected for Asian Games

Three players from Jharkhand — Nikki Pradhan, Salima Tete and Sangeeta Kumari — have been selected for the 18-member Indian women's hockey team for 19th Asian Games. Hockey India organised a special programme in Bengaluru and announced that the team in the presence of all the officials and family members of players. Hockey India General Secretary, Bholanath Singh welcomed all the players in Bengaluru. The 19th Asian Games will be held in Hangzhou in China from September 23 to October 8.

Mukhiyas doing excellent work to be felicitated

On the occasion of the foundation day of the Jharkhand State Food Commission on December 9, the Mukhiyas, who worked towards the successful implementation and monitoring of the National Food Security Act-2013, in all districts of Jharkhand state will be felicitated. The top three performing mukhiyas of each of the 24 districts will be honoured. According to an announcement made by the Chairman of Food Commission, Himanshu Shekhar Chaudhary, the criteria will be set for the selection of Mukhiyas for the first, second and third prizes of the districts. A total of eight criteria were fixed for the selection of the Mukhiya doing excellent work.

MP caught between deficit rainfall & election

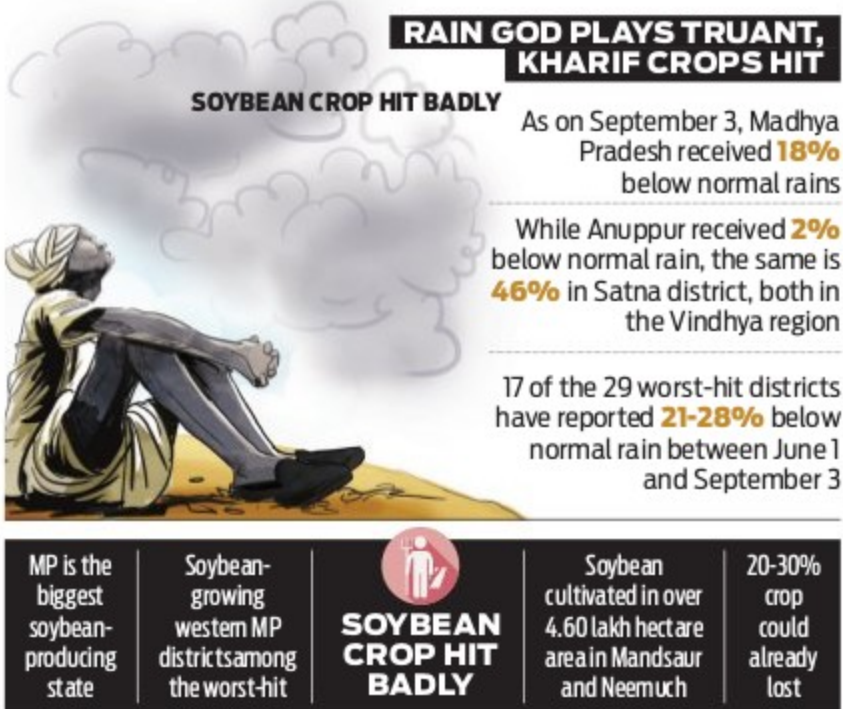
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WITH deficient rain casting a shadow on the Kharif crops, particularly soybean in more than half of 53 districts of Madhya Pradesh, the development is slowly turning into a poll issue in the assembly election-bound state.

According to India Meteorological Department in Bhopal, the entire state as on September 3, 2023, has reported 18 per cent below normal rain. Out of the total 53 districts, at least 47 districts have reported below normal rains, ranging between 2% below normal in Anuppur and 46% below normal in Satna district — both being districts of the Vindhya region.

But as per the latest figures, the condition is very serious in at least 29 districts, spanning from Sehore and Vidisha (21% below normal) in central MP and Satna, Mandasaur and Ashok Nagar (40% to 46% below normal) in Vindhya, west MP and Gwalior-Chambal regions respectively.

While 17 of the 29 worst hit districts have reported 21% to 28% below normal rain, between June 1 and September 3, at least



eight districts have recorded 30% to 39% below normal rain, while three other districts have reported over 40% below normal rain in the same period.

In many districts of western MP, particularly Mandasaur, Neemuch, Ujjain, Ratlam, Barwani and Khargone, which form the main soybean and cotton cash crop cultivating areas of the state, farmers have been

resorting to bizarre rituals, like feeding gulab jamun sweets to donkey, village sarpanch riding a donkey and donkeys ploughing the parched fields to propitiate the rain god.

In Silawat town, Barwani district, the traders downed their shutters and joined other residents (both Hindu and Muslims) in offering special prayers in temples and Eidgah.

According to a farmer's leader Kedar Sirohi, the condition is particularly worst in soybean growing western MP districts. "Drought like conditions owing to scanty rainfall in August particularly, is seeing the soybean crop fizzle out. It's feared that 40% of the soybean crop could have already been lost due to scanty rain, infestation by insects and diseases like yellow mosaic. Adding to the woes of the farmers, are growing unscheduled power cuts and dearth of sufficient water in canals and dams," Sirohi claimed.

As per reports from Mandasaur and Neemuch, the two main soybean cultivating west MP districts, where soybean has been cultivated in over 4.60 lakh hectare area, around 20-30% crop could already have been lost. Concerned over the situation, CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan chaired a high level meeting in Bhopal on Sunday evening to take stock of the situation due to deficient rains. "Our government stands firmly with farmers in this crisis situation, we'll ensure water supply from dams where water is available," he said.

Assam panel to draft anti-polygamy law, submit report within 45 days

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Guwahati

THE Assam government has constituted a three-member committee to draft the proposed anti-polygamy law.

It has been constituted with Advocate General, Legal Re-membrancer and Director General of Police.

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said that the state government had earlier constituted a committee to examine the 'legislative competence of the state legislature' to enact a law to end polygamy.

"We first wanted to check if the state government has the right to ban polygamy. We had formed a committee with retired Gauhati High Court judge Justice Rumi Phookan as its chairperson and it said that the government has the right to do so," said Sarma.

The government had sought the views of the public on the law. Altogether, 149 individuals and organisations re-



sponded and of them, 146 supported it while the remaining objected it.

"Ahead of the last Assembly elections, we had promised to bring in a law against love jihad. We have now formed another committee and assigned it to draft the proposed anti-polygmy law," Sarma said.

He was hopeful that the bill can be introduced in the Assembly in December.

The previous committee had understandably scrutinised the

Response sought

The government had sought views of people on the law. Altogether, 149 individuals and organisations responded and 146 of them supported the proposed law while the remaining objected. Earlier, Himanta Biswa Sarma could not share any data on the prevalence of polygamy but he said many cases have been detected in Barak Valley, Jamunamukh and Hojai

provisions of Muslim Personal Law (Shariat) Act, 1937, along with Article 25 of Constitution of India, in relation to the directive principle of state policy for a uniform civil code.

Earlier, Sarma could not share any data on the prevalence of polygamy in the state but he said that many cases were detected in southern Assam's Barak Valley and central Assam's Jamunamukh and Hojai. Polygamy is almost nil among indigenous Muslims and people who are educated, he said.

Taiwan suspends work as Typhoon Haikui slams into the island

7,000 EVACUATED

More than 7,000 people were evacuated from high-risk areas, hundreds of flights cancelled and businesses closed in preparation for the storm

There appeared to be little serious damage, and some shops remained open, partly to dispose of locally grown fruits and vegetables that would otherwise go to waste

POWER CUT

More than 1,19,000 households lost power throughout the day as the typhoon swept through the southern and eastern regions, though over half saw it restored by nightfall

TAIWAN SUSPENDED FLIGHTS, RAIL TRANSPORT AND FERRY SERVICES ALONG WITH CLASSES AND OUT DOOR EVENTS AND URGED WORKERS TO STAY HOME ON SUNDAY AS TYPHOON HAIKUI CHURNED ACROSS THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE ISLAND

MAKING LANDFALL

The typhoon made landfall in Taitung county on the Pacific-facing east coast around 3 pm on Sunday, bringing sustained winds of 155 kph and gusts of 190 kph

FLOODING IN LOW-LYING AREAS

The winds and driving rains forced in unsecured doors, uprooted trees—at least one of which crushed a parked minivan—and caused flooding in some low-lying areas

SEVERAL EVENTS CANCELLED

Among events cancelled in Taiwan were a hot air balloon festival in the central Taichung region, several outdoor concerts, art events and a baseball game. National parks and treacherous roads in the island's mountainous center were also closed

BIZ SUSPENDED

Haikui's arrival came as Typhoon Saola continued to weaken while swirling along the Chinese coast, where 9,00,000 people and 80,000 fishing vessels had been moved to safety

Most of Hong Kong and parts of the coastal mainland had suspended business, transport and classes

40 INJURED

40 people were injured from the storm in Hualien county



Want Eritrean migrants send back: Israel PM

TEL AVIV

ISRAELI Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Sunday he wants Eritrean migrants involved in a violent clash in Tel Aviv to be deported immediately and has ordered a plan to remove all of the country's African migrants.

"We want harsh measures against the rioters, including the immediate deportation of those who took part," Netanyahu said. He requested that the ministers present him with plans "for the removal of all the other illegal infiltrators," and noted in his remarks that the Supreme Court struck down some measures meant to coerce the migrants to leave.

The remarks came a day after bloody protests by rival groups of Eritreans in south Tel Aviv left dozens of people injured. Eritreans, supporters and opponents of Eritrea's government, faced off with construction lumber, and pieces of metal.

Israeli police in riot gear shot tear gas, stun grenades and live rounds while officers on horseback tried to control the protesters. The violence on Saturday returned to the fore the issue of migrants, which has long divided Israel.

Its resurgence comes as Israel is torn over Netanyahu's judicial overhaul plan, and supporters cite the migrant issue as a reason why the courts should be reined in, saying they have stood in the way of pushing the migrants out. AP

Iran sentences two women journalists over conspiracy

TEHRAN

TWO female Iranian journalists will spend around a month behind bars as part of a three-year partly suspended prison sentence for "conspiracy" and "collusion," local media reported on Sunday.

Under the sentence, Negin Bagheri and Elnaz Mohammadi will serve one-fortieth of the term, or less than a month, in prison, their lawyer Amir Raisian told the reformist *Ham Mihan* daily newspaper, where Mohammadi works. "The remaining period is suspended over five years," during which time they will be required to take "a professional ethics training" and "prohibited from leaving the country," the lawyer added.

Raisian did not elaborate on whether the verdict can be appealed, and the report did not detail the allegations against the reporters.

Mohammadi's sister, Elahe, who also works for *Ham Mihan*, has since September 2022 been in prison after reporting on the funeral of Mahsa Amini, 22, who died in police custody.

The death on September 16, 2022 of Amini, an Iranian Kurd,

came after her arrest for an alleged breach of the Islamic republic's dress code, triggering months-long nationwide protests. Foreign-based rights groups have reported multiple arrests ahead of the anniversary of Amini's death.

Bagheri works for the unfiliated *Haft-e Sobh* newspaper. Elnaz Mohammadi was arrested and kept in Evin prison for a week in February. The reason for her detention was not clear.

Last year's demonstrations saw hundreds of people killed, including dozens of security personnel, and thousands arrested in connection with what officials labelled as foreign-instigated "riots."

Seven men have been executed in protest-related cases involving killings and other violence against security forces. Local media reported last month that authorities in Iran have questioned or arrested more than 90 journalists.

On Wednesday, an Iranian news agency reported that journalist Nazila Maroufian, who defied Iran's dress code and was freed on bail in August, has been rearrested for not wearing the headscarf in public. AFP

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Amir Raisian, Lawyer for journalists

Ahead of grain talks between Putin & Erdogan, Russia hits Danube port

Odesa was bombarded with Iranian-made Shahed drones; Ukraine downed 22 out of 25

KYIV

RUSSIAN drones targeted Ukraine's southern Odesa region in the early hours of Sunday, with Moscow hitting a Danube port on the border with NATO member Romania in an attack condemned by Bucharest.

The attack came on the eve of a summit in Russia between Russian President Vladimir Putin and Turkish leader Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who hopes to revive the grain deal.

Ukraine said Russia had hit the Odesa region with 25 Iranian-made Shahed drones, saying it downed 22 of them.

But Kyiv also said that some of the drones hit the Danube area, saying that at least two persons were wounded in attacks on "civilian industrial" infrastructure.

The Russian army said it had targeted "fuel storage" facilities in the Ukrainian port of Reni, which lies on the Danube river that separates Ukraine from Romania.



People exercise next to a monument to Italian poet Dante Alighieri, wrapped in sandbags to prevent it from damage from Russian air attacks, in Kyiv on Sunday | AP

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said on Sunday that he discussed "ways to ensure the functioning" of a maritime corridor set up by Kyiv to ensure safe navigation with France's Emmanuel Macron.

Reni—which also lies close to Moldova—is a sea and river port and an important transport hub.

Bucharest's defence ministry said the attacks were "unjusti-

fied and in deep contradiction with the rules of international humanitarian law."

It also stressed that the Moscow drone attacks did not "generate any direct military threat to the national territory or territorial waters of Romania."

Neighbouring Moldova called the attack "brutal." "Russia must be held accountable for every piece of infrastructure destroyed," Chisinau's pro-EU

25 civilians, including two kids killed in aerial bombardment in Khartoum

WAD MADANI

FIVE civilians were killed by bombs that "fell on their homes" in Khartoum, a Sudanese medical source told AFP, a day after an air strike in the city's south killed 20 civilians.

Residents of the war-torn capital reported the city was again pummelled by artillery and rocket fire Sunday, in the fifth month of war between the army and paramilitary fighters.

"The death toll from the aerial bombardment" in southern Khartoum late Saturday "has risen to 20 civilian fatalities," according to a statement from the neighbourhood's resistance committee. They are among many volunteer groups that used to organise pro-democracy demonstrations and now provide assistance to families caught in the line of fire.

In an earlier statement, they said the victims included two children, and warned that more fatalities went unrecorded, as "their bodies could not be moved to the hospital because they were severely burned or torn to pieces in the bombing."

Since war began between the regular army and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) on April 15, around 5,000 people have been killed, according to estimates from the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data project.

The Sudanese Armed Forces control the skies and have carried out regular air strikes while RSF fighters dominate the streets of the capital. Western countries have accused the paramilitaries and



Sudanese queue outside a passport office in Gedaref following an announcement by the authorities of the resumption of issuing passports in Sudan on Sunday | AFP

allied militias of killings based on ethnicity in the western Darfur region, and the International Criminal Court has opened a new probe into alleged war crimes.

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EXPRESS READ

Channel crossings hit new 24-hr record for '23

London: The number of migrants crossing the Channel hit a new daily high for 2023, UK government statistics released on Sunday showed. Some 872 migrants aboard 15 different vessels made the perilous journey across one of the world's busiest shipping lanes on Saturday, beating this year's previous 24-hour high of 756 on August 10.

Corgis parade to remember Elizabeth II

London: Royal fans and their pet corgis gathered outside Buckingham Palace on Sunday to remember Queen Elizabeth II, a year since her death. Around 20 corgi enthusiasts dressed up their pets in crowns, tiaras and royal outfits and paraded them outside in London to pay tribute to her. Corgis were the late queen's constant companions since she was a child. PTI

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Tech's shaping search for Argentina's stolen kids

BUENOS AIRES

IF a baby was taken from their parents four decades ago during Argentina's military dictatorship, what would that person look like today? Argentine publicist Santiago Barros has been trying to answer that question using artificial intelligence to create images of what the children of parents who disappeared during the dictatorship might look like.

Almost every day, Barros uploads these images to an Instagram account called *iabuelas*, which is a portmanteau in Spanish for artificial intelligence, or IA, and grandmother, or abuela taken from the well-known activist group Grandmothers of Plaza de Mayo that searches for missing children. "We have seen the photos of most of the disappeared, but



Old photographs of a couple who disappeared during the 1976-1983 dictatorship, above AI-generated images, of what their stolen son might look like today | AP

we don't have photos of their children, of those children who were stolen," Barros said. "It struck me that these people did not have a face."

During Argentina's bloody dictatorship from 1976 to 1983, military officials carried out

the systematic theft of babies from political dissidents who were detained or often executed and disposed of without a trace. The babies were often raised by families linked to the dictatorship, or those ideologically aligned with it, as if they were

their own. Using an app called Midjourney, Barros combines photos of the disappeared fathers and mothers from the public archive of the Grandmothers website, creating images of what the faces of their children might look like as adults today. For each combination, the app shows two female and two male possibilities. Barros then chooses the images that seem most realistic.

The project does not intend to replace efforts headed by the Grandmothers group of identifying grandchildren through DNA testing. Instead, Barros says, the goal is to stir the conscience of those over 46 who may have doubts about their origin and to serve as a reminder of the more than four decades the grandmothers have spent trying to locate these children. AP

ASIA MATTERS

INDONESIA

DEVELOPING NUSANTARA AS A SMART CITY

Indonesia's Nusantara Capital City Authority (OIGN) collaborated with Finland's Smart City Innovation Cluster to make new capital Nusantara a smart city. "We are very open to the participation of various parties from both inside and outside Indonesia," Deputy for Green and Digital Transformation of OIGN Mohammed Ali Berawi said. The collaboration also offers solutions to accelerate the development of smart city through cooperation, and this is in accordance with direction of developing Nusantara as a smart city

SINGAPORE

MINISTERS SUE PM'S BROTHER OVER RENT

Singapore's two Indian-origin cabinet ministers have sued Lee Hsien Yang, the younger brother of PM Lee Hsien Loong, for defamation over allegations relating to their rental of two state-owned bungalows. The case conference will take place on September 5. The two ministers—Law and Home Affairs Minister K Shanmugam & Foreign Affairs Minister Vivian Balakrishnan—had sent lawyers' letters to Lee Hsien Yang in July, saying they would sue unless he apologises and pays damages relating to the colonial-era bungalows

PM TO SKIP ASEAN REGIONAL MEETING

Thailand's new PM Srettha Thavisin will miss a regional meeting of Asia's leaders in Jakarta next week, the foreign ministry said on Sunday.

Permanent secretary Sarun Charoensuwan will represent Thailand at the ASEAN Summit, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said

Know possible reasons for delay in income tax refund

If you have not received refund so far, check your verification status, as it is crucial to complete the verification process to receive refunds

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

Receiving an income tax refund is a welcome relief for many individuals. However, delays in getting that much-needed refund can be frustrating. So, let us explore the reasons behind these delays and shed light on the steps taxpayers can take to expedite the process.

Delayed verification of ITR

One of the primary reasons for delayed income tax refunds is when the filed return is not verified. After filing the return, it is crucial to complete the verification process. The Tax Department only initiates the processing of returns once they have been verified. If you have filed your return but neglected to verify it, the refund issuance process will not commence. "The filing process is complete only after the verification is done. The Tax Department does not take up the returns for processing if they are not verified. Now if you have filed the return but not verified the return, the return checking and

refund issue process has not started," CA Chetan Daga, Founder of AdvantEdge Consulting said.

Mismatch

Another common reason for refund delays is the mismatch between the tax amounts claimed in the returns and the information reflected in Form 26AS. Form 26AS is a statement that contains details of taxes deducted on behalf of the taxpayer by various entities. If you have claimed credit for taxes paid, but the figures in Form 26AS do not align with those in your returns, the Tax Department will raise a query. In such cases, the refund is put on hold until the discrepancy is resolved.

"To avoid these delays, it is essential to ensure that all necessary supporting documents, such as investment proofs, are provided accurately and in a timely manner. Any missing or incomplete documentation can lead to a delay in processing the refund. Carefully reviewing and double-checking all docu-

KEY NUMBERS

6,96,40,407
No. of returns filed (AY 23-24)

6,80,83,597
No. of returns verified (AY 23-24)

5,82,58,037
No. of verified ITRs (AY 23-24) processed

Data as on 31 August 2023
Source: Income Tax dept



Facing delay in I-T refunds?

- Return is filed but not verified
- Mismatch between the amount as per 26AS form and the amount claimed in the return form
- Tax demands for past years
- Incorrect bank account details submitted to the IT department
- Large refund demands
- Technical glitches

ments can help streamline the process," said CA Atul Goel, partner with Atul Goel & Associates (AGA).

According to Daga, if one has any tax demands for past years as per the records of the Income Tax Department, then the refund is likely to be adjusted against these tax demands. In such cases, the Tax Department generally sends a communication stating its intention to ad-

just the refund against the tax demands.

Large refunds

According to experts, claims of large refunds could also be scrutinised by the Tax Department. Possibly, the Tax Department is considering initiating scrutiny assessment in your case, where the refund due may be kept on hold.

"If your return is selected for

scrutiny or assessment, it can result in a delay in receiving the refund. While this can be an arduous process, cooperating with the tax authorities and providing any requested information promptly can help expedite the resolution," Goel added.

Technical glitches, errors

Though rare, technical glitches or system errors within the Tax

Department's processing systems can also lead to delays in refund issuance. These issues may arise due to a variety of reasons, such as system upgrades or maintenance.

In addition, taxpayers should provide valid bank account details for the credit of refund.

"It is possible that your return is filed and verified, and refund due is also determined, but the refund is not yet credited to your Bank Account. This situation can arise if the Bank Account information submitted to the Income Tax portal is incorrect or the account has since closed," Daga explained.

To address these delays, taxpayers can take a proactive approach. Firstly, ensure that you have verified your filed return. This simple step is often overlooked but plays a crucial role in initiating the refund process. Additionally, regularly reviewing Form 26AS and cross-checking it with your return can help identify any discrepancies early on, allowing you to rectify them promptly.

Maintaining accurate and complete documentation is vital. Keep track of all investments, deductions, and supporting documents, ensuring they are readily available when filing your return. By submitting accurate and complete information, you minimize the chances of your return being subjected to scrutiny or assessment.

Income tax refund delays can be attributed to various factors, including unverified returns, mismatches with Form 26AS, missing or incomplete documentation, scrutiny or assessment processes, and technical glitches. By understanding these reasons, taxpayers can take proactive measures to expedite the refund process. Timely verification, accurate information alignment, complete documentation, and compliance with tax regulations are essential steps to mitigate refund delays. By proactively addressing these factors, taxpayers can improve their chances of receiving their refunds in a timely manner.

MONEY MATTERS

HOW TO BALANCE TRADITION WITH MODERNITY IN INVESTING



FINANCIAL KNOWLEDGE

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TRADITIONS define your being. That is the reason why you are bound to them. They have survived the test of time. There may not be any scientific proof of the benefits to humanity of all traditions. A lot of them are followed due to beliefs that are centuries old. Piling up gold is one such tradition in India. The World Gold Council, a global industry body, estimates that Indian households are sitting on a pile of nearly 25,000 tonnes of gold. That is besides the 500-600 tonnes of gold held by the Reserve of India as strategic reserves. The estimated value of the gold held in India is over \$1.5 trillion. That is almost \$1,000 per individual or \$82,000 worth of gold. That is over a third of the per capita income in India.

To put that in perspective, it is more than a third of India's GDP, about three-fourths of the size of money in bank deposits. The value of gold is about four times more than the money invested in mutual funds and eight times that in equity funds.

Understandably, people want to follow traditions and pile up gold. They want to use it when things are tough. According to one report by Bloomberg, a glo-

bal news agency, Mannapuram Finance and Muthoot Finance, two non-banking finance companies, are the 23rd largest holders of gold in the world. That is if you consider them as a country. The two companies lend money to Indians and use the gold they own as a pledge.

The above numbers tell you the story of the way most of you manage your wealth. There is a strong affinity to the yellow metal. One can safely assume that households that manage to create a monthly investible surplus in India ensure a decent stock of gold.

EXPRESSION ILLUSTRATION



If you are holding gold for traditional reasons, that should be fine. It is hard to argue with traditions and emotions attached to those traditions. However, if you are hoarding gold as an investment, you need to expand the scope of your knowledge about investments. The rising inflationary trend in India has pushed many of you to seek refuge in gold.

You have little or no confidence in financial assets. However, the cyclical nature of markets presents an opportunity for you to generate a steady return on investment that beats all other asset classes. The idea of investing in equity assets is not to

India do not hesitate to keep them high or raise them. Their objective of existence is solely to keep inflation within a targeted range. That was not the case in the past. There are multiple fallouts of an inflation-targeting monetary policy. As inflation reverts to a predictable pattern, businesses benefit through low-cost funds. They can use that money to expand their business and profits further. An interest rate regime that remains stable or trends lower benefits equity markets.

India needs to grow faster to keep up with the needs of the people. There are predictions that India will soon become the third-largest economy and the second-largest over the next 50 years. If that happens, businesses have to grow profits at a secular rate. As a thumb rule, investors expect businesses relying on domestic growth to grow profits at twice the rate of GDP growth.

A simple investment in an exchange-traded fund based on benchmark indices like the Sensex or the Nifty can generate an inflation-beating return. With a system to check inflation and businesses looking to expand and ride on growth, there is no hurdle for India's stock markets. For savers and investors, it presents an opportunity like never before. Most pundits recommend not more than 10-15% weight for gold in a household investment portfolio. You can consult your financial advisor and work on an appropriate asset allocation.

do better than gold, real estate or other competing asset classes. Your objective must be to beat inflation.

Gold prices do well when interest rates are lower than inflation. However, with inflation targeting being the only objective of monetary policy, central banks like the Reserve Bank of

Beauty and personal care market in India to be \$30 billion by 2027

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU

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THE Indian BPC (Beauty and Personal Care) market is poised for rapid expansion and to be sized at \$30 billion by 2027, comprising about 5% of the global BPC market, says a report launched by Redseer Strategy Consultants in association with Peak XV.

On per capita BPC spends, while the US leads at \$313, and China at \$38, India lags significantly at \$14. Online is a significant channel for BPC in India as it is projected to become a \$10 billion market by 2027, accounting for roughly 33% of the market then, the report adds.

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Players such as L'Oréal, Nykaa, Honasa, among others, are coming up with innovative products in this space. In 2022, the average gross margin for major pure-play BPC companies globally was higher (72%) than that of FMCG-led BPC companies (44%). The average EBT (Earnings Before Taxes) stands at 12% for large pure-play BPC companies globally, compared to 14% for FMCG-led companies, the report added.

Also, globally, the industry is set to experience a meteoric

rise, with projections indicating a total market size of \$660 billion corresponding to a total market capitalisation of \$2.2-2.7 trillion by 2027.

"Globally, there's a growing need among consumers for products 'made for them', tailored to individual skin or body types. They are increasingly willing to pay premiums for effective and safe solutions, leading to rapid growth in the mass and premium categories. While consumers use the internet to research products, they are willing to shop across both online and offline channels," said Rohan Agarwal, Partner, Redseer Strategy Consultants.

STAKE

Paytm Sharma's shareholding stands at 19.42%

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PAYTM founder Vijay Shekhar Sharma has now become the largest shareholder in the company.

In its filings to the BSE on Sunday, Paytm said, "We have been informed that Resilient Asset Management B.V., an overseas entity 100% owned by Vijay Shekhar Sharma, holds 10.30% of the total equity share capital of the Company. Accordingly, Sharma will be the only SBO of the Company, consequent to the change of shareholding."

It added that Sharma's shareholding in Paytm (direct and indirect) now stands at 19.42% of the total equity share capital. Fintech company Antfin also announced that its shareholding in the company has reduced from 23.79% to 9.90% of the total equity share capital.

US retailer Walmart pays \$3.5 billion to increase stake in Flipkart

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WALMART has spent \$3.5 billion to buy shares in e-commerce company Flipkart.

In a Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) filing, it said, "During the six months ended July 31, 2023, the company paid USD 3.5 billion to acquire shares from certain Flipkart noncontrolling interest holders and settle the liability to former noncontrolling interest holders of PhonePe."

With this, Walmart's total holding in the e-commerce company Flipkart is said to have increased to 80.5%.

Walmart has bought a stake from hedge fund Tiger Global and Accel Partners. Besides, the US retail major also acquired the residual stake of Binny Bansal, Flipkart cofounder.

US-based Bentonville in 2018 completed the acquisition of a 77% stake in Flipkart and became the majority owner of the



e-commerce company.

Last month, in an investor call, Walmart said Flipkart's GMV was strong and e-commerce grew 26% in the June quarter.

Flipkart's Myntra is the country's largest e-commerce marketplace for fashion and lifestyle products. Myntra now provides access to more than 6,000 brands on its marketplace.

"Both our businesses in India, Flipkart and PhonePe, had strong quarters as well. A lot of that is driven from just really being close to the customer in those markets and the combi-

nation of value and convenience that we're now able to offer," Walmart International President & Chief Executive Officer Judith McKenna had said.

Walmart CFO John David Rainey had said that Flipkart delivered strong GMV and net sales growth as the core business continues to grow well.

"The team continues to work on expanding the ecosystem of product and services like advertising, travel, and healthcare, and on delivering continued contribution profit improvement. Flipkart's consistent progress and performance reinforces our confidence in the long-term value of this business," he added. PhonePe, which separated from Flipkart, has been introducing new products in recent times. Backed by Walmart, digital payments company PhonePe last week launched its new stock broking platform ShareMarket under its subsidiary PhonePe Wealth Broking.



Former Zimbabwe captain Heath Streak died on Sunday at the age of 49, his family confirmed on social media. Streak, who played 65 Tests and 189 ODIs for Zimbabwe from 1993-2005, was battling liver cancer for a long time. He is the highest wicket-taker for Zimbabwe by a long margin in both Tests and ODIs.

CONSTRAINTS FAIL TO DAMPEN NEPAL SPIRIT

Associate nation made their Asia Cup debut against Pakistan a few days back and now will be up against India in Pallekele on Monday



WHEN Monty Desai joined the Cricket Association of Nepal in February as the head coach, the national team was second from bottom of the World Cup Super League points table. The challenge ahead was big - win 11 out of a possible 12 matches to secure a berth at the 50-over World Cup Qualifier in June in Zimbabwe.

Much to the surprise of everyone, they did the unthinkable; scripting a compelling success story. They might not have succeeded in qualifying for the World Cup scheduled in India in October-November during the Qualifier. But they did make history when they qualified for their maiden Asia Cup after winning the inaugural ACC Men's Premier Cup 2023 in May this year.

Having made their debut at the continental showpiece event against Pakistan the other night in Multan, Nepal are gearing up to play India at the Pallekele International Cricket Stadium in Sri Lanka on Monday.

It's not easy for an associate nation to keep fuelling its cricketing dream. It becomes more difficult when the country is mad for the sport and yearning for recognition. Coach Desai admits the challenge but says it also motivates them to work hard and come true to people's expectations.

"Fan following is huge in Nepal. They expect you to get (the) desired results but they don't understand the challenges ahead. They also feel cricket can help them in getting recognition. They lack basic infrastructure. Whatever the team has achieved so far is because of self-motivation, desire and



Nepal captain Rohit Paudel (L) | AP

hunger," Desai explains to this daily.

So what were the motivating factors which helped these Nepal boys scale new heights? "It's a vision. What we are creating here is our own world, 'Our Happy Dressing Room,' which belongs to each and every person of the nation. We have created a world where we work on building on our strengths and attitudes with flexibility to different challenges. In our world, we experience joy as a team when we get the desired results, and we equally feel the pain when we are unable to meet our own expectations with all the planning and hard work that goes in... the environment that we have created together will allow us to grow in wisdom, maturity, and develop strength of character!"

Desai, a mechanical engineer from Mumbai, had worked with the Nepal U-19 team in 2017 and believes this past stint helped in smooth transition. "There are many players in the current squad who were there in the U-19 team. So, in a way, I can correlate to that U-19 stint. As I have worked with them, they are well aware of my working style. A few of them stayed in

touch with me even after I left. So this all made it a smooth transition."

The coach, who has previously worked with teams like Afghanistan, United Arab Emirates, West Indies and Canada apart from Rajasthan Royals, says it's not easy working within budget constraints but they worked as a team to overcome these barriers and achieve their targets. "The infrastructure limitations and domestic structure may require to be relooked into for creating a clear pathway. At present, from my personal experience for our development programs, there are budget constraints, and as an associate cricket nation, we have to manage within these budget constraints."

Nepal cricket got embroiled in a big controversy when one of its stars, Sandeep Lamichhane, was accused of rape by a minor. The right-arm legbreak googly bowler even stayed behind bars on the charges. He has now made his comeback to the team. The coach says it was a collective decision to bring him back.

"There is no doubt that he is a champion cricketer. He has contributed to the team's cause with the ball for years and, of late, he has done that with the bat as well. You have to understand things from his perspective. Here everyone believes in law and Sandeep is no different. He also says let the truth come out as he wants this to get over as soon as possible. All I can tell you about is what I can see in front of me. There are days when he wants to stay alone, we let him do that. There are days when he needs our company and support and we give him. We cannot have answers to every question," says Desai.

Desai also says he personally strongly believes in collective leadership and teamwork and this in turn helps in creating a field of dialogue and to find solutions.

Miraz & Shanto propel B'desh

LAHORE: All-rounder Mehidy Hasan Miraz and Najmul Hossain Shanto smashed cracking centuries to help Bangladesh to a solid 334-5 in their Asia Cup match against Afghanistan in Lahore. Miraz hit a 119-ball 112 while Shanto hit a 105-ball 104 as Bangladesh put up their highest ODI total outside their own country. The pair lifted their team from the loss of Mohammad Naim (28) and Towhid Hridoy (0) through a third-wicket stand of 194 off 190 balls. In reply, Afghanistan were dismissed for 245 runs, falling short by 89 runs.

Brief scores: Bangladesh 334/5 in 50 ovs (Mehidy 112, Najmul 104) **bt** Afghanistan 245 in 44.3 ovs (Ibrahim 75; Taskin 4/44).

Will rain win again in Pallekele?

Here are a few talking points ahead of India's Asia Cup match against Nepal...



CHANGES FOR INDIA?

Even after losing the top-order cheaply, India managed to score 266 against Pakistan where all 10 wickets went to pacers. As India have potentially only six more ODIs before the World Cup, the team management might want to try all of their available options. Suryakumar Yadav (L) and Tilak Varma might get a look in.

LET LALIT BE LALIT

Lalit Rajbanshi, the left-arm spinner was unlucky not to get any wickets against Pakistan in Multan as he was the most economical bowler from Nepal. Even when Pakistan smashed 342 runs, Rajbanshi bowled 33 dot balls and gave away 48 runs in his 10 overs. He could trouble the Indian middle order.

FIRST-EVER CLASH

The clash will be the first time Nepal will face India in any format. Nepal, making their debut at the Asia Cup, qualified for the continental tournament via the Asian Cricket Council's Men's Premier Cup earlier this year. After facing the No. 1 ranked ODI side, Pakistan, in their tournament opener, Nepal have another challenge in front of them in the No. 3 ranked ODI side in India.

India vs Nepal, Pallekele



Live coverage on Sports Network 3PM

Focus on returning Bumrah's progress

FIROZ MIRZA @ Pallekele

INDIA'S Asia Cup opener against Pakistan at the Pallekele International Cricket Stadium on Saturday was Jasprit Bumrah's first ODI since July 14, 2022. Overcast conditions with intermittent rain and drizzle had tilted the balance in favour of pacers including Bumrah. The Pakistan pace trio of Shaheen Shah Afridi, Haris Rauf and Naseem Shah made full use of the conditions by sharing all the ten Indian wickets among themselves in the first innings.

India pacer Bumrah, who underwent a back surgery in March this year, too would have been raring to go with the ball after his little cameo with the willow (16 runs off 14 balls) when the clouds opened up as soon as India were bowled out. Unfortunately, the match never resumed with Bumrah not bowling a single ball in the match.

As he has flown back home from Colombo due to personal reasons, the pacer is set to miss India's match against Nepal, rain permitting, at the Pallekele International Cricket Stadium on Monday.

Notably, he marked his international return last month after almost a year when he captained the Indian team in the T20I series against Ireland. But the match against Pakistan



Jasprit Bumrah (left) is set to miss Monday's clash against Nepal | AFP

was supposed to be his first in the ODI format, which takes precedence over the T20s with the ICC World Cup commencing in India from October 5.

Rohit Sharma & Co can play a maximum six matches at the Asia Cup if they reach the final. After the continental event, they will play Australia in a three-match ODI series before the World Cup commences. They will also play two warm-up matches before the marquee event.

Given Saturday's outcome and his absence during Nepal tie, the 29-year-old Gujarat pacer now has a maximum of sev-

en matches to get his rhythm back and go full throttle at the marquee event.

The Indian captain had expressed satisfaction over Bumrah's progress ahead of the Pakistan clash. "Bumrah who is coming back from an injury after such a long time. You know he played in Ireland, and looked good. And the small little camp we had in Bangalore, it looked good as well. And yeah, he is looking in good spirits, that is a good sign for us," Rohit had said.

Bumrah led India to series victory over Ireland last month bowling his full quota of four

overs in both matches. He claimed two wickets each in two matches and was adjudged Player of the Match in the first T20I. As Rohit said, signs are good but Bumrah has yet not bowled 10 overs in an ODI, which can make the situation tricky, as has happened in the recent past.

Last year in September, he was fast-tracked into the squad for the T20I series against Australia. He featured in the last two games, bowling a total of six overs. He then missed the T20I series against South Africa before skipping the T20 World Cup.

In January this year, he was added to the India squad for ODIs against Sri Lanka after BCCI said that he had been declared fit by the NCA. But he complained of a stiff back during a practice session and was ruled out of the series. He eventually missed the Border-Gavaskar Trophy as well.

"It is difficult to stay out of the game for a long duration. I don't want him to be put under pressure by setting expectations," Rohit had said when asked over his expectations from Bumrah.

The captain might not want to put pressure on him but Bumrah knows he is the leader of the pack and has to lead by example during the ongoing Asia Cup and upcoming World Cup.

Medvedev halts Baez's run to enter pre-quarters

AGENCIES @ New York

DANIIL Medvedev progressed to the fourth round of the US Open with a 6-2, 6-2, 7-6 (6) victory over Sebastian Baez which snapped the Argentine's 12-match winning streak.

Third seed and 2021 champion Medvedev is through to the second week in New York for the fifth year in a row and will play Australian 13th seed Alex de Minaur for a spot in the quarterfinals. Medvedev closed out the victory with an ace on his fourth match point in the tie-break as he finished well past lam for the second straight match. "I just want to go to sleep, that's it. Nothing more," said Medvedev.

"When you go to play at 11pm it just feels tough. This time I decided not to sleep before and I ate, so I was feeling pretty bad on the court. That's why I was nervous all the match."



2021 champion Daniil Medvedev will meet Alex de Minaur next | AP

World No 32 Baez came into the US Open bristling with confidence after titles at Kitzbuehel and Winston-Salem, reaching the third round of a Grand Slam for the first time here.

Alcaraz sinks dogged Evans

Defending champ Carlos Alcaraz shrugged off a battling performance from British 26th seed Dan Evans to win in four sets and reach the last 16. Alcaraz crashed 61 winners past Evans as the world number one

won 6-2, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 to line up a meeting with Italy's Matteo Arnaldi, ranked 61st. "I'm really, really happy to get through," said Alcaraz, now unbeaten in three matches with Evans. "He's a tricky opponent. I think when we play each other it's a show on the court. We made great points, great shots, a lot of different kinds of situations."

Pegula beats Svitolina

In the women's singles, American third seed Jessica Pegula

RESULTS (RD3): Men: C Alcaraz (ESP x1) **bt** D Evans (GBR x26) 6-2, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3; M Arnaldi (ITA) **bt** C Norrie (GBR x16) 6-3, 6-4, 6-3; A Zverev (GER x12) **bt** G Dimitrov (BUL x19) 6-7 (2), 7-6 (8), 6-1, 6-1; J Sinner (ITA x6) **bt** S Wawrinka (SUI) 6-3, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2; D Medvedev (RUS x3) **bt** S Baez (ARG) 6-2, 6-2, 7-6 (6); A de Minaur (AUS x13) **bt** N Jarry (CHI x23) 6-1, 6-3, 6-2; A Rublev (RUS x8) **bt** A Rinderknech (FRA) 3-6, 6-3, 6-1, 7-5. **Women:** M Vondrousova (CZE x9) **bt** E Alexandrova (RUS x22) 6-2, 6-1; M Keys (USA x17) **bt** L Samsonova (RUS x14) 5-7, 6-2, 6-2; J Pegula (USA x3) **bt** E Svitolina (UKR x26) 6-4, 4-6, 6-2; O Jabeur (TUN x5) **bt** M Bouzková (CZE x31) 5-7, 7-6 (5), 6-3; D Kasatkina (RUS x13) **bt** Greet Minnen (BEL) 6-3, 6-4; A Sabalenka (BLR x2) **bt** C Burel (FRA) 6-1, 6-1

fought off Ukraine's Elina Svitolina in three sets to clinch her place in the last 16. Pegula broke twice in the final set to brush the 26th-ranked Svitolina aside and seal a 6-4, 4-6, 6-2 victory.

Verstappen claims record 10th straight F1 victory

AGENCIES @ Monza

MAX Verstappen won a record-breaking 10th straight Formula One race on Sunday after coming out on top at the Italian Grand Prix in a show of force from Red Bull at Monza.

Reigning world champion Verstappen dominated on a beautiful day in northern Italy which left Ferrari fans disappointed, with Verstappen's teammate Sergio Perez finishing second ahead of home hope and pole-sitter Carlos Sainz.

Spaniard Sainz crossed more than 11 seconds back in third, unable to resist the power of Verstappen, the runaway leader of the drivers' championship.

Verstappen extended his lead on teammate Sergio Perez at the top of the drivers' standings to 145 points and also ensured



that Red Bull maintained their perfect record with 14 wins from as many GPs this season. The 29-year-old has now won 12 of this season's races and is all but certain to claim his third consecutive F1 title after breaking a record he shared with Sebastian Vettel by winning in Zandvoort last weekend.

The Dutch driver made it 10 in a row in a race which was delayed by 20 minutes and cut to 51 laps after Yuki Tsunoda's Alpha-Tauri car suffered power-unit failure during the race's formation lap.

Cup of joy for Mohun Bagan

AGENCIES @ Kolkata

A MOMENT of sheer brilliance from Dimitri Petratos proved decisive as 10-man Mohun Bagan Super Giant beat arch-rivals East Bengal 1-0 in a fiercely contested final to clinch Durand Cup title for the first time after 23 years here.

Mohun Bagan were one-man down after Anirudh Thapa was sent off in the 62nd minute, but they still scored the decisive goal through a brilliant solo effort from Petratos in the 71st minute.

In a swift counter-attacking move, the Australian player skillfully weaved past the East Bengal defence, before unleashing a powerful strike from 25 yards out.

AGENCIES @ London

DECLAN Rice scored his first goal for Arsenal and Gabriel Jesus added the icing on the cake as Arsenal roared back from a goal down to beat Manchester United 3-1 at the Emirates on Sunday.

Marcus Rashford gave the visitors the lead against the run of play in the first half but Arsenal captain Martin Odegaard equalised seconds later.

The Gunners had a penalty award overturned following a VAR check and United were denied what could have been a late winner when substitute Alejandro Garnacho was ruled offside. The home side kept up the pressure in eight minutes of added time and were re-

warded when Rice controlled a corner and shot past Andre Onana with the help of a deflection off Jonny Evans.

There was still time for another goal as substitute Jesus burst forward, teasing Onana before putting the ball in the net. The result leaves Arsenal fifth in the table after their third win in four games, two points behind leaders Manchester City, while United are 11th in the table.

Earlier, Arsenal shot out of the blocks, pinning United back in the warm September sunshine.

The home side should have taken the lead in the 13th minute but new signing Kai Havertz miskicked horrendously from inside the area



Declan Rice celebrates after scoring Arsenal's second goal in injury time against Manchester United in London on Sunday. Arsenal won 3-1 | AFP

with the goal at his mercy.

Arsenal continued to dominate, pressing high and forcing United into awkward situa-

tions at the back.

The game exploded into life shortly before the half-hour mark when United took the

Arsenal steal it at the death against Man United

FOOTBALL

EXPRESS READ

BCCI to hold AGM on September 25

MUMBAI: All office bearers of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) will continue in their posts as the governing body is set to hold its Annual General Meeting on September 25 in Goa. The last AGM was held in October 2022 and the first point on the agenda of the upcoming AGM would be to finalise the minutes of the meetings.

Diksha fights back but slips to T-3 in Irish Open

DROMOLAND (IRELAND): India's Diksha Dagar overcame a rocky front nine to stage a magnificent comeback on the back nine for a card of 1-under 71 on the third day of the KPMG Women's Irish Open here. Diksha, however, slipped to tied third as Anne Van Dam moved up to a three-shot lead with a second straight 6-under 66.

WBBL: Harmanpreet retained by Renegades

MELBOURNE: Women's team captain Harmanpreet Kaur was the only Indian player to get picked in the Women's Big Bash League overseas draft, being retained by Melbourne Renegades here on Sunday. A total of 18 Indian players figured in the inaugural WBBL overseas draft but none got picked.

Breaking community lament Asiad miss

NEW DELHI: The Indian Breaking community and the Amateur DanceSport Federation of India (ADSFI) expressed their disappointment regarding the exclusion of the Indian Breakdance team from the final list of the contingent for the upcoming Asian Games in Hangzhou, China, despite earlier inclusion.



DELHI UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION POLLS

THE Delhi University Students Union (DUSU) polls are back! Touted to be the largest student body poll in the world by the DUSU office bearers, the election in 2023 arrives after a gap of four years. The last election was held in 2019, after which, it was halted due to the pandemic.

This year, thus, the excitement is running wild among students and political youth wings alike. The campaigning has begun and all eyes are on September 22, the voting date.

Why are DUSU polls significant?

Over 50 colleges are affiliated to Delhi University (DU), which remains one of the most coveted universities for students across India. About 1.5 lakh students participate in the voting process each year.

"The student community at DU represents a mini India. The outcome of the DUSU polls indirectly reflects the outcome of the Lok Sabha elections, as it shows how the youth of today are thinking and which party they prefer," explains Mohit Nagar, DUSU President from 2014.

"They can be looked at as trials for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections," states Amit Tanwar, DUSU President from 2016.

What makes 2023 unique? Since the polls are taking place after four years, all the undergraduate students, even those who are in their final year, are first-time voters.

They are new to the process and will be witnessing cam-

CONVERSATION WITH FORMER PRESIDENTS

DUSU elections are back! All eyes are on this varsity now. **Abhipsa Mohanty** talks to former leaders about the polls

We are very glad that the democratic process is happening again. One of the most important issues that should come up is the direct impact of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. Fee hikes in several newly introduced courses like five-year integrated law course should become one of the major issues that students take up.

One more important topic that has remained one of the fundamental issues among the student community is hostels. Around 90% of students in many colleges and courses are from outside Delhi, whereas, the capacity of hostels is limited. The number of women students has also gone down while seats in many courses remained empty last year.

Abha Dev Habib,
Assistant Professor of Physics,
Miranda House

There are several issues that remain to be addressed among the student community. Primarily, students are focusing on the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. Other issues that students should focus on are the availability of various facilities around the university and colleges. These should be their main agendas.

We, on behalf of DUTA, want to wish them the best of luck and hope that the elections wrap up peacefully and in a fair manner. Currently, there is a lot of action on the campus. Students are visiting colleges and departments, and campaigning for the elections and this will continue till September 22, no doubt. All the best, students!

Surender Singh,
Secretary, Delhi University
Teachers Association (DUTA)

paing for the first time. Akshit Dahiya, the current DUSU president (elected in 2019), mentions that as a result, a large number of students are

expected to participate. On the other hand, Akshit also says that the number of contestants have decreased. According to him, the four-year

gap has led to hesitation among students. "Previously, first-year students had hands-on experience of the process and if they felt like they had the qualities of a leader, they contested in their second year. But as everything is new for them this year, they find that they are not ready," he explains.

Notably, Akshit is the youngest and longest-serving DUSU president, who holds a world record for receiving the largest number of votes (29,700) and winning the DUSU elections by the highest margin of votes (19,031).

Importance of elections The leaders affirm that student body polls are the first lesson in democracy. "By participating in the student body elections, they get to understand their right to vote and choose their own leader; they get to understand how a democracy works. Different perspectives are shared," Akshit states.

The leader adds that by participating, students get to explore and hone their natural

leadership skills. "And if they do want to make a career in politics, student body elections provide them with the observation, experience, grooming and clarity required. They are then able to deliver as better leaders," Satender Awana, DUSU president in 2015.

Additionally, the leaders believe that since students are the citizens of today, they should participate in the democratic process of elections.

Activism and challenges

Student unions often raise their voice against political and social issues, which are unrelated to the college. The leaders agree that this is important, as the youth needs to be aware of such cases. Nonetheless, this sometimes results in students being arrested. Does this create fear among them, and stop them from participating further? The leaders say no.

"As long as students know that they are not taking the law into their hands, or breaking it, there is nothing to fear. Religious and political debates have always been going on in India, and leaders do not get arrested for voicing their opinions. India is a free country," says Satender, adding that whenever students have to protest, they are mindful of taking due permission.

The leaders further explain that the students are mindful of the rules laid down in the Lyngdoh Committee report. This committee was formed in 2005 under the Supreme Court orders to ensure free and fair elections on college campuses.

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"DUSU training ground for leaders": Chief Election Officer

Prof Chander Shekhar, Chief Election Officer for DUSU election 2023-24, spoke about high enthusiasm on campus, expectations from upcoming polls, new changes as well as old traditions

What's new with DUSU elections this time?

We have decided to give a one time age relaxation of three years this time for the participating candidates. It has been clearly mentioned that it is only a one-time relaxation for the academic year 2023-24.

What will be different about this year's preparation?

We are working to prepare a set of rules and regulations for the entire electoral process and publish it on the DUSU website. We are also going to publish the procedure for candidates on how to take part in this process. The DUSU elections are being held through Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) and are currently the main focus of our committee, while individual

college elections will be held by college administrations with paper ballots. We hope to ensure that all the candidates participating in the elections strictly adhere to the rules and regulations set up by the committee. They should not harm any public or private property while campaigning and put up posters or any other election material that violates the guidelines.

What is the importance of the student union in DU?

There are over a lakh students studying in the university. If you see from the undergraduate to postgraduate level, there are 16 facilities and more than 80 departments and all these students come together to take part in the elections. It is important since it teaches the students leadership qualities.

STUDENT UNIONS: Good or Bad?

Here's what the educationists think

AS DU prepares to conduct the student union elections after four years this September, the discussion on the need and importance of campus elections has started again

Student union elections form a huge part of student life in college. Central universities like DU and Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) in Delhi have always stood apart due to their vibrant and eventful political climate. JNU Vice-Chancellor Prof Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit spoke to EdexLive, hinting at the return of student union elections this year.

"As a Vice-Chancellor, I am completely in support of having campus elections and student unions. At JNU, it has al-

ways been the students who run things and not the administration," Prof Pandit said.

The vice-chancellor added that the JNU students are in talks with the dean of the student body about holding student elections this year.

Ban on campus elections?

States like Telangana, Karnataka and Rajasthan currently have a ban on campus elections for all state-run universities. Prof D Ravinder, Vice-Chancellor of Osmania University, Hyderabad, Telangana, expressed that the absence of student unions has its own setbacks.

"Usually, there is one student representative who coordinates with the administration regarding students' issues. Now, everyone has become a leader and many small groups are creating nuisance on campus. If there was one leader, it would



make it easier for both students as well as the university," the VC added.

In Karnataka as well, student unions have been banned for over three decades. "Student groups are important stakeholders in the education system. They can raise any issue related to academics as well as administrative matters. I believe that policies of the institution should be student-centric," said Dr Jayakara Shetty M, Vice-Chancellor of Bangalore University, Karnataka.

The students of Bangalore University recently urged the state government to reinstate campus elections in state universities, added the VC.

Campus to capitol: Political leaders who emerged out of student politics

In an intriguing twist, many of today's prominent political leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, have their roots deeply embedded in student politics. Despite this, the realm of student politics often finds itself under scrutiny, tarnished by misconceptions. Here we shed a light on the names that transitioned from student activism to the corridors of power, challenging the negative perceptions surrounding this pivotal stepping stone. Many of these current political leaders have served several months of jail terms for their involvement in student protests and movements



ARUN JAITLEY

Jaitley's journey from student politics to the political forefront began at DU. He participated in protests and joined the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP), laying grounds for his role in the BJP



SITARAM YECHURY

Yechury's initiation into politics traces back to his role with the Students' Federation of India (SFI) while at JNU. His leadership paved the way for his role in the Communist Party of India (Marxist)



KANHAIYA KUMAR

Recently, emerging as a prominent student leader at JNU, Kumar gained national attention for his eloquent speeches and activism. Kumar joined the Indian National Congress in 2021



LALU PRASAD YADAV

Prasad's political foray commenced through his role in Bihar Movement and the Jayaprakash Narayan-led student movements. His grassroots connect led him to become a leader in regional politics



PRAKASH KARAT

Karat's involvement in student politics took off as a student in the United Kingdom. At JNU in 1970, he became one of SFI's founding members. He was JNU Students' Union president in 1974 - 1979



MAMATA BANERJEE

During Banerjee's time at Jogamaya Devi College in Kolkata, she participated in student protests and her early political engagement laid the groundwork for her role as a fierce political leader later



ANANTH KUMAR

Ananth Kumar's political roots can be traced back to his association with ABVP during his college years. This laid the foundation for his extensive political career within the Bharatiya Janata Party



NARENDRA MODI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's political journey was ignited with his role in Navnirman Movement in Gujarat, 1974 and later with JP Narayan movement against the Indira and Sanjay Gandhi-led Congress



NITISH KUMAR

Chief Minister of Bihar, Kumar was involved in politics when he was studying at the then Bihar College of Engineering. As a part of the anti-emergency movement, he served a 19-month jail term



ASHOK GEHLOT

From student to mainstream politics, Gehlot's journey began during his college days at Jodhpur. His participation in National Students' Union of India (NSUI) paved the way for his role in Congress

Moments from student politics that shaped India

NAXALITE MOVEMENT (LATE 1960s)

Originating as a peasant uprising in Naxalbari, West Bengal of 1967, it ignited revolutionary fervour among late 1960s students, even drawing participants from colleges like St Stephen's, Delhi. This became one of the first major student movements in India



YECHURY'S CALL FOR INDIRA'S RESIGNATION (1977)



During the post-Emergency period, Sitaram Yechury, the then President of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) Students' Union, played a pivotal role in demanding the resignation of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi as Chancellor of the university. His leadership marked a shift in Indian student activism against authoritarianism

ASSAM MOVEMENT (1979-1985)

The Assam Agitation, led by students against illegal immigration, spurred discussions on identity, citizenship and regional politics. A milestone in Indian student activism, it catapulted leaders like Prafulla Kumar Mahanta from university hostels to the state assembly



ANTI-MANDAL COMMISSION PROTESTS (1990)



From the turbulence of the 1980s emerged the 1990s, marked by students self-immolating during the Mandal agitation. The nationwide student movement against the implementation of the Mandal Commission's recommendation for reservations in higher education marked a turning point in Indian politics

JUSTICE FOR NIRBHAYA PROTESTS (2012)

The brutal gang rape and subsequent death of a young woman in Delhi led to massive protests by students, demanding justice and safer cities for women. This movement sparked conversations about gender equality and violence against women, leading to legal reforms



HOKKOLOROB MOVEMENT (2014)



Sparked by the alleged molestation of a female student, Hokokolorob movement at Jadavpur University became a symbol of resistance against gender-based violence. The movement gathered momentum, leading to dialogues about the safety of women on campuses

TELANGANA MOVEMENT (1969-2014)

The Telangana movement witnessed widespread student protests for a separate state. Under the leadership of K Chandrashekhara Rao and the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS, now Bharat Rashtra Samithi), the movement was predominantly student-driven



ROHITH VEMULA'S SUICIDE (2016)



The tragic suicide of Rohith Vemula, a Dalit student, triggered protests against caste-based discrimination in educational institutions. His poignant suicide note voiced the anguish of a tormented mind, challenging society's reduction of individuals to mere numbers

KANHAIYA KUMAR'S SPEECH AT JNU (2016)

Kanhaiya Kumar's arrest following a speech on March 3, 2016 at JNU led to widespread protests across the country. Championing the cry of Azadi (freedom), through his speech, he sought not freedom from India, but freedom within India. The incident highlighted issues of freedom of expression and nationalism



CITIZENSHIP AMENDMENT ACT (CAA) PROTESTS (2019-2020)



Students across the country participated in protests against the CAA, which they viewed as discriminatory and against the secular fabric of the nation. The movement spotlighted concerns about citizenship, identity and constitutional rights

FARMERS' SOLIDARITY PROTESTS (2020-2021)



While not exclusively a student movement, many students joined the protests against controversial agricultural reforms. The solidarity between students and farmers showcased the importance of diverse voices in advocating for policy change. The movement also saw the arrest of many student political leaders



DUSU Election 2023-24: Check the polling schedule here

Campus politics is returning to Delhi University this year and student unions have already prepared their manifestos. Here is the complete schedule for DUSU elections 2023-24, an exciting time, indeed, at the central varsity.

Last date to submit nomination forms	Tuesday, September 12, 2023; Till 3.00 pm
Scrutiny of nomination forms	Tuesday, September 12, 2023
List of duly nominated candidates release date	Tuesday, September 12, 2023 By 6.00 pm
Last day to withdraw nominations	Wednesday, September 13, 2023; Till 12.00 noon
Final list of nominated candidates release date	Wednesday, September 13, 2023; 5.00 pm
Election Date	Friday, September 22, 2023
Voting timings	Day Classes: 8.30 am to 1.00 pm Evening Classes: 3.00 pm to 7.30 pm
Counting of votes/ Result announcement	To be announced later



DAY'S DIARY

Paralympic medal

Girisha Hosanagara Nagarajegowda won India its first silver medal at the Paralympic Games in Men's High Jump F42 event on this day in 2012



THE GAME

The 24-year-old son of a daily wage labourer, cleared a career-best height of 1.74 m to bag the silver medal. The Indian tri-colour went up for the first time in the London Paralympics



TRAINING

Girisha, took part in a three-week-long pre-games training camp at Basildon Sporting Village sponsored by GoI, quit his bank job to focus on his training



ACCOLADES

Girisha was chosen for the Padma Shri Award. He is only the ninth Indian medalist and the third to claim silver at the Paralympics

Check out what's happening in the city

PG 2

Celebrity wedding planner-designer Devika Narain, who was behind the dreamy wedding decor of Bollywood actors like Anushka Sharma, Priyanka Chopra, speaks about bringing back the spotlight on Indian weddings

FAIRYTALE MOMENTS

MONIKA MONALISA

THE dreamy weddings of Bollywood A-listers like Anushka Sharma, Priyanka Chopra, Deepika Padukone, Richa Chadha and Ali Fazal to name a few... Brought back big fat

Indian weddings in a bigger and grander way and Devika Narain probably has a huge role to play in this.

Narain, a sought-after wedding planner, says she prefers to be called a wedding designer. "I feel like I coined the term designer because I didn't want to plan weddings. I don't care if people's cars don't reach them on time but I care about the aesthetics and care about the designs," says Narain, who was in the city for the launch of Janaki Kirloskar's luxury tableware brand KIIKA.

The beauty of weddings designed by Narain is the Indianness of it. "When I started my own company, Pinterest had launched in India and all weddings looked like western weddings with orchids and white pearls. Indian weddings is such a cultural part of India. We come from such a rich cultural heritage. Now when I type 'mandapam' I get options and images that are Indian. It makes me feel happy. I feel Indian weddings have reclaimed their space, with the world opening up to them," says Narain, who refused to pick her favorite flowers among the most popular Indian flowers, namely Marigold, Jasmine and Tuberoses.

Flowers are also probably one of the reasons why she loves the Bengaluru weddings. "This city grows some of the most exotic and beautiful flowers. The weather is also lovely so you can



Priyanka Chopra and Nick Jonas



Virat Kohli and Anushka Sharma

do many things for an outdoor wedding," says Narain.

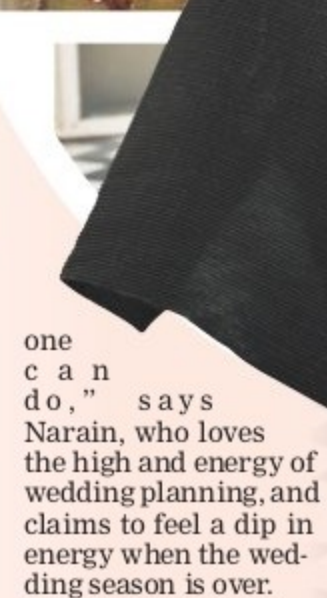
Narain feels lucky to work with really interesting people who give her creative freedom to do things, producing extraordinary results. For example, for one of the temple weddings she had the whole temple, lit up with diyas. "That wedding was a week after Diwali during the COVID. Since we could not go home for Diwali, we decided to light the whole temple with Diyas," says Narain, who was featured in Netflix docu-series *The Big Day*.

For many who are aspiring to be like her, Narain says one of the key qualities that they should have is the willingness to work hard. "I became a designer at the end of a series of experiments. I was studying literature, I wanted to be a journalist, then I wanted to be an interior designer and I even

worked for a couple of companies. But it wasn't for me. It is important that people, who are starting off in professional life, should be willing to experiment with different things. When our generation was in schools and colleges there weren't as many options, but these days, there are so many interesting things



Richa Chadha and Ali Fazal



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— Devika Narain, wedding planner-designer

PIC | NAGARAJA GADGKAL



A TOUCH OF ELEGANCE

Participants walk the ramp at the 'Sakura Akira' fashion show, recently organised by The Sakura Nihongo Resource Centre (SNRC) at MEW Malleswaram as part of SNRC's inaugural Cultural Utsav. The event aimed to exhibit the vibrant tapestry of Japanese culture, with the theme being traditional Kimono and Japanese seasons. | VINOD KUMAR T



Aslam Gafoor

(@aslamgafoor) is a hospitality professional with experience in business development, sales and marketing with well-known hotels, and food and beverage companies. A few of his passions are travel, food and wine, and he enjoys sharing these experiences as a columnist.

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Technology conference inaugurated

IEEE International Conference on Networks, Multimedia and Information Technology (NMITCON) in collaboration with Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belagavi, was inaugurated at Nitte Meenakshi Institute of Technology, Yelahanka, Bengaluru. Dr TG Sitharam, chairman, AICTE was the chief guest on this occasion. Thomas M. Coughlin, IEEE president, USA, Dr David Camacho, professor, Technical University of Madrid, Spain, Jyotika Athavale, IEEE Society President, USA, Prof. N.R. Shetty, chancellor, Central University of Karnataka were the guests of honor.

Volleyball Tournament held

The two-day Bangalore North District Level Volleyball (Boys) Tournament 2023 was held at REVA University starting August 30, 2023. The inaugural ceremony which was held at REVA sports ground was inaugurated by Mr Raju N, Deputy Director, Department of School Education (Pre-University), Bengaluru North District. The event was presided over by Umesh S Raju, Pro Chancellor, REVA University.



BOOK NOOK



The Bandit Queens

by Parini Shroff

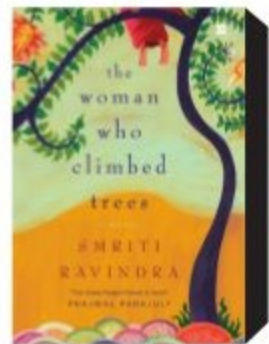
A radically feel-good story about the murder of no-good husbands by a cast of unsinkable women.



The Sea Elephants

by Shastri Akella

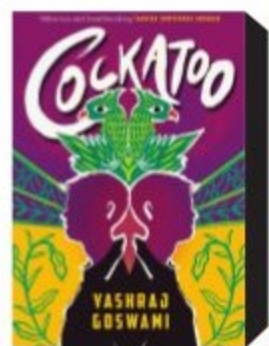
An ode to the redemptive joys of storytelling Shastri Akella's soulful debut is a celebration of hard-won love of others and for ourselves.



The Woman Who Climbed The Trees

by Smriti Ravindra

'The Woman Who Climbed The Trees' follows protagonist Meera, women who surround her, and the daughter she eventually raises, as they carefully navigate the uncertain tides of their diasporic lives.



Cockatoo

by Yashraj Goswami

Vibrant and edictic, 'Cockatoo' is a novel told in stories, weaved together by a narrative of love, connection and longing.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE



Creative Evening

Explore your artistic side at this coaster painting workshop where you get to create beautiful and functional pieces of art, perfect for adding a personal touch to your home decor or as gifts for your loved ones.

● **WHEN:** Sep 4, 6pm
 ● **WHERE:** Art Beat, HSR Layout
 ● **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

ENERGETIC MORNING

Immerse yourself in the captivating grace of the ancient martial art of Kalaripayattu, a holistic discipline that melds physical training, self-defence, and traditional medicine.

● **WHEN:** Sep 4, 7am
 ● **WHERE:** Shoonya Centre of Art and Somatic Practices, Lalbagh Main Road. ● **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com



Clay Creations

Unleash your inner artist at this pottery workshop, where you get to learn pottery techniques, create unique pieces, and discover the joy of sculpting. Perfect for beginners and enthusiasts alike.

● **WHEN:** Sep 4, 10am onwards
 ● **WHERE:** Wheel and Pottery Studio, Srinivasa Nagar
 ● **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

Comic Carousel

Laugh your heart out as comedians Akash, Shivangi, and Mohit take the stage. This intimate stand-up comedy night promises new and classic jokes for an unforgettable evening.

● **WHEN:** Sep 4, 8.30pm ● **WHERE:** Glens Bakehouse, Koramangala ● **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com



MASTER YOGA

Perfect your yoga practice with help from expert instructors. Learn the intricacies of each asana and experience the true benefits of yoga.

● **WHEN:** Sep 4, 10pm
 ● **WHERE:** Good Move Wellness, S.T. Bed, Koramangala
 ● **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com



VISUAL EXPRESSIONS

At this poster competition, express the complexities of mental health visually. Create powerful artwork to raise awareness and promote understanding of mental health challenges.

● **WHEN:** Sep 6, 9am onwards
 ● **WHERE:** St Joseph's University, Langford Road
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THE ART THEORY

Two girls share a playful moment at The Souq, an exhibition for artisans, recently held at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

QUICK FIX

SPICY GOCHUJANG CHICKEN



Contributed by Ummul Bana, Bengaluru

INGREDIENTS

- Boneless chicken thighs: Half kg, cut into bite-sized pieces
- Gochujang: 3 tbsp
- Low-sodium soy sauce: 3 tbsp
- Brown sugar: 3 tbsp
- Sesame oil: 2 tsp
- Roasted sesame seeds: 1 tsp
- Sesame oil: 3 tsp
- Water: 2 tbsp
- Garlic: 2 cloves, minced
- Green onion: 1 stalk

METHOD

- In a bowl, combine gochujang, low-sodium soy sauce, water, brown sugar, sesame oil, and minced garlic and mix well. Set aside.
- Chop chicken into bite-sized pieces and place it in a bowl. Add 5 tablespoons of the gochujang mixture into the bowl of chicken and combine, marinate for 10 minutes.
- Heat the sesame oil, add in the marinated chicken and cook for about 5 minutes, stir-fry the chicken pieces once in a while to cook each side of the chicken piece.
- Increase the heat to high and add in the rest of the sauce mixture. Stir-fry for about 3-5 minutes until the sauce is thicker and the chicken is cooked thoroughly. Remove from heat.
- Serve in a serving bowl and top with roasted sesame seeds and green onions.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengaluruexpress@gmail.com

FIT BIT

VASISTHASANA CRUNCH (SIDE PLANK POSE CRUNCH)

This is a challenging core and arm yoga pose, and a variation of Vasisthasana. It allows practitioners to trust their intuition and inner guidance, helps boost energy in the body and can be included in flow yoga sequences.

STEPS

- In Vasisthasana (Side Plank Pose) your body is laterally aligned and lifted on your left hand and foot taking the body's weight.
- Form a balance with your left hand on the floor, engaging leg muscles in lifting your hips.
- Refrain from looking up.
- Keep your chin aligned with the chest throughout the practice.
- Form a fist out of your upper palm (right).
- Inhale, lift your upper leg (right) in Side Plank Starfish.
- Exhale, bend both the arm and leg (right) to bring elbow and knee together in a crunch, keeping your torso stable.
- Stay here as per the body's capacity.
- To release, inhale, come back to Vasisthasana.
- Exhale, lower the upper arm (right) and align the body in Adho Mukha Svanasana.
- Relax for a while and perform the same on the other side.
- Finally, slide down into Balasana Child Pose and relax.

BENEFITS

- Strengthens arms, wrist, upper back, hamstrings, quadriceps, hips, knees, and shoulders.
- Helps with body balance.
- Stretches the back of the legs, inner thighs, groins and hamstrings.
- Enhances focus and concentration.
- Provides support for the lower body.
- Breath awareness with enough core and arm strength are keys to this challenging practice.
- Helps target hip flexors and gluteus.
- Activates the Manipura and Svadhisthana Chakras, enhancing willpower and emotional stability.
- Strengthens core muscles, including the obliques and rectus abdominis.
- Included in yoga for sportspersons.
- Helps enhance coordination.
- Improves posture and endurance.

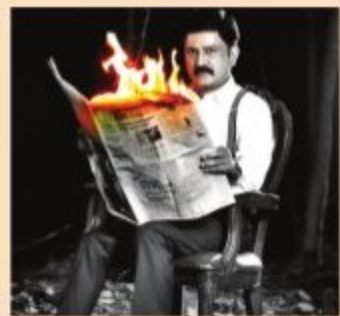


LIMITATIONS

People with injured wrist, elbow, arms or shoulders, have had any recent surgery of abdomen, arms or legs, avoid this pose.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

REGIONAL



SHIVAJI SURATHKAL

(Kannada)

Shivaji, a policeman, sets out to investigate a high-profile murder of a minister's son. However, while pursuing the leads, he must also deal with his own wife's death.

Cast: Ramesh Aravind, Radhika Narayan
 ● **Watch on:** ZEE5

SAANI KAAVIDHAM

(Tamil)

A generational curse comes true when Ponni and her family face a senseless act of injustice. She and her brother Sangaiah decide to seek justice.

Cast: Keerthy Suresh, Selvaraghavan
 ● **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video



KURUKKAN

(Malayalam)

A down-on-his-luck police officer tries to frame an innocent man but it soon backfires on him.

Cast: Vineeth Sreenivasan, Malavika Menon, Shine Tom Chacko, Sreenivasan
 ● **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video



THE JENGABURU CURSE

(Hindi)

A London-based analyst returns to Odisha in search of her missing father. Her quest leads to a conspiracy involving bauxite mining, secretly backed by an international nexus, leading to unexplained deaths and a displaced community.

Cast: Sukumar Tudu, Faria Abdullah, Melanie Gray, Nassar
 ● **Watch on:** SonyLIV

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

LAPACHHAPI

(Marathi)

A couple moves into a new house, unaware that it is haunted by evil spirits. However, as these spirits begin to pose a threat to her baby, the mother takes on the responsibility for her child's safety.

Cast: Pooja Sawant, Vikram Gaikwad
 ● **Watch on:** ZEE5



AACHAR AND CO

(Kannada)

In 1960s Bangalore, a traditional family navigates the challenges of embracing modernity while honouring their roots.

Cast: Sindhu Sreenivas Murthy, Vamsidhar Bhogaraju
 ● **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

FOREIGN

DELETE

(Thai, series)

A pair of lovers having an extramarital affair plot a new life together after discovering a phone that can erase other people from existence.

Cast: Natara Nopparatayon, Nat Kitcharit, Sarika Sartsilpsupa
 ● **Watch on:** Netflix



RED, WHITE & ROYAL BLUE

(English)

Alex Claremont-Diaz, the first son of the United States, and young Prince Henry fall in love. However, considering their high-profile public lives, they must keep their relationship a secret at all costs.

Cast: Taylor Zakhar Perez, Nicholas Galitzine, Sarah Shahi
 ● **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video



ALCARRÁS

(Spanish)

The life of a family of peach farmers in a small village in Catalonia changes when the owner of their large estate dies and his lifetime heir decides to sell the land, threatening their livelihood.

Cast: Albert Bosch, Xenia Roset, Jordi Pujol, Dorset
 ● **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video



THE CHI

(English, series)

The lives of the residents of a tough and dangerous neighbourhood in South Chicago intertwine as they have to deal with a murder in their area.

Cast: Jason Mitchell, Ntare Guma Mbaho Mwine
 ● **Watch on:** Disney+ Hotstar

SRIDEVI SHOBAN BABU
 (Telugu)
 Sridevi and Shoban Babu fall in love despite coming from different backgrounds. However, a long-standing dispute between their families threatens to break their relationship apart.
Cast: Santhosh Soban, Gouri G Kishan
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By Rafna Naseer, homemaker, Malappuram

Coconut Fried Ada

Ingredients

- Maida: 2 cup
- Coconut (grated): 2 cup
- Sugar: 4 tsp
- Oil: for frying

Method

Knead maida with water and a pinch of salt. Mix grated coconut and sugar well with your hands. Take small portions of dough and fill it with coconut-sugar mix as fillings. Shape the dough as you need. Pour oil into a pan, and when hot, add the dough-filled mix. Fry until they are crispy. Serve with hot tea or coffee.

FROM SNACK TO BRUNCH

From traditional South Indian dishes to French pastries and international chocolate brands, all use both coconut and coconut mylk. It's an all-rounder when it comes to adding flavour, sometimes it even makes and breaks a dish. "Earlier, our elders used to drink rice water mixed with a few coconut gratings and salt before noon as a mid-day energy booster, especially those engaged in outdoor work. This one ingredient can solve hunger cravings," says Sajana Jefferson, a Kochi-based home chef. She instantly thinks of some unique recipes. "In a pan, pour coconut mylk and pieces of ripe plantain. Once it boils, add some cardamom powder and sugar, and splutter some shallots in ghee or oil. There you have a healthy snack or a brunch dish." "Another stomach-filling option is an omelette with a few coconut gratings," she adds. Another option is to make kichidi. Cook green gram and kaima rice in a pressure cooker. In a pot, put the mix along with coconut mylk, salt, and a pinch of ghee. Once it turns semi-dry, cool down and serve.

COCO TREAT

As it was World Coconut day on Sep 2, here are some of the savoury, spicy curries and lip-smacking desserts made of this tropical wonder-fruit

COMPILED BY
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Coconut water is a natural drink that can help keep you hydrated. It's sweet, refreshing and can hydrate your body better than other liquids. You can enjoy coconut water by itself or use it as a base for making smoothies and fancy drinks.

Coconut mylk is made by squeezing the juice out of the coconut's grated flesh. It's a creamy, non-dairy option that adds a rich and unique element to curries.

When you toast grated coconut until it turns golden brown, it becomes a crunchy topping or ingredient in baking that gives a coco

flavour. You can also use it to top salads, desserts and oatmeal.

Coconut oil is great for frying and sauteing because it can handle high heat without burning and gives a mild coconut scent to the food. Whether you're cooking something savoury or sweet, coconuts can enhance the taste and texture, making them a must-have ingredient for creative chefs.

Besides cooking, coconut oil is also useful for beauty and skin-care routines.

Coconuts are like a hidden treasure in the kitchen, making dishes taste better and have a unique texture.

Coconut sprouts and mylk pudding

By Michel J, executive sous chef, Vega at Hotel Dimora

Ingredients

- Coconut mylk: 800ml
- Coconut sprouts: 100gm
- Fresh cream: 200ml
- Sugar: 350gm
- Agar agar: 80gm
- Corn flour: 50gm



completely in water, add the mix to the coconut pudding mix. Pour all the mix into a pudding bowl and refrigerate for an hour. Remove the mix from the bowl and serve.

Coconut Rice



Ingredients

- White rice: 3 cups
- Fenugreek seeds: 2 tbsp
- Coconut (grated): 1 and half

- Salt: As per need
- Water: 6 cups
- Shallot slices: 10 to 15

Method

Boil six cups of water in a pot. Add the washed rice, coconut gratings, shallots, fenugreek seeds, and salt as per need. Cook on a low flame till the water dries up. In a pressure cooker, put all the ingredients and cook for two whistles. Serve the rice along with chicken or beef curry.

Spicy Coconut Curry Ramen

Ingredients

- Toasted sesame oil: 3 tbsp
- Shiitakes mushrooms (torn): 100g
- Garlic cloves (grated): 4
- Freshly grated ginger: 1 tbsp
- Chicken broth or vegetable broth: 4 cups
- Ground turmeric: ½ tsp
- Brown sugar: ½ tsp
- Soy sauce: 2 tbsp
- Fish sauce: 1 tbsp
- Chili paste or sambal: 1-2 tbsp
- Mild red curry paste: 2 tbsp
- Unsweetened coconut mylk: 400g
- Lime juice: 1 tbsp
- Instant ramen noodles: 250g

COURTESY: SERVING DUMPLINGS



Method

Heat 1 tbsp sesame oil in a large pot over medium flame. Add shiitakes, and cook until they start to brown. Sprinkle 1 tbsp sesame oil, season with salt and pepper, and cook until crispy. Remove from pot. Reduce the heat to low. Take 1 tbsp sesame oil, garlic, and ginger in a pan. Cook until fragrant. Deglaze the pot with chicken broth, and stir with a wooden spoon while scraping up the brown bits on the bottom of the pot. Bring to a boil. Add turmeric, brown sugar, soy sauce, and fish sauce. Stir in red curry paste and/or sambal. Add coconut mylk and squeeze in lime juice. When the broth starts to boil, add the ramen noodles and cook for 2 minutes. Serve immediately with chilli oil, sesame seeds, spring onion and four boiled eggs (cooked for 7 minutes) as toppings.

Orange Coconut Chicken

Recipe by Shabina Afzal

Ingredients

- Chicken: 500 gm boneless
- Orange juice: 1/2 cup
- Coconut cream / mylk: 1/2 cup
- Garlic: 1 tbs sliced
- Green chili: 2
- Red chili: 2
- Red chili powder: 1/2 ts
- Turmeric: 1 tsp
- Soya sauce: 1 tbs
- Chili sauce: 3 tbs
- Salt to taste

For Orange glaze

- Coconut oil: 1 tbs
- Chili flakes: 2 tsp
- Curry leaves: 2 tbs
- Orange juice: 3 tbs



Method

Mix the chicken with coconut cream or mylk, garlic, green chili, red chili, red chili powder, turmeric, soya sauce, chilly sauce, salt and orange juice. Add this mix to a pan and cook on medium heat (Be sure the orange juice is sweet and tangy and not sour). To make the orange glaze, to a pan add coconut oil and temper chili flakes, curry leaves and add orange juice. Pour this over the curry and serve.



Cup Barfi

Recipe by Smitha Kalluraya

Ingredients

- Gram Flour: 1 cup
- Milk: 1 cup
- Sugar: 2 cups
- Melted ghee: 1 cup
- Grated coconut (can use desiccated coconut also): 1 cup
- Cardamom powder: 1/2 tsp

Method: Heat ghee in a pan and add gram flour. Roast on low flame for 4-5 mins. Add the rest of the ingredients and mix continuously on medium flame. After a few minutes, add cardamom powder. After stirring on a medium flame for 15-20 mins, the mixture will froth and turn whitish, appearing to fall apart into small pieces. Place on a greased tray and allow it to cool. Once it's partially set after about 15 minutes, slice with a knife. Serve when completely cooled.



Pick up the Pikuniku puzzle

HERE are weeks where I feel the prospect of figuring out the ropes of playing the latest AAA release extremely daunting. *Baldur's Gate 3* released just last week, and it has me covering and retreating to my cosy, familiar part of the gaming world which does not require me to study intricate game mechanics, or spend hours on character customisation before playing a game. I turned to *Pikuniku* this week. It is not a new game — just a soothing old tune to gently guide me back to that joy of playing a videogame to completion.

Created by Devolver Digital, it features a tiny blob with legs that finds itself bouncing into a village that has a lot of problems. The first of these problems involves fixing a bridge. Among other extremely low-stakes puzzles, the

game will have you play a basketball-football hybrid mini-game, survive through elaborate missions of hide-and-seek, and even conduct a bird-related fetch quest.

The mechanics involves the main character solving issues in the village — achieved through rolling around the village, kicking objects, and talking to other characters. This makes it a little difficult to categorise *Pikuniku* into a specific genre of game. Just when I thought 'puzzle platformer' might fit, the credits started to roll. Because you see, the game does not take longer than four hours to complete the main and side missions. So it does not really qualify as your typical epic puzzle-platforming trial. But it does pull you in with its earnest simplicity.

The small map of the game unfurls as more main missions are completed, to reveal a realm of interconnected homes and shops within the village. They each contain several easy-to-solve puzzles, mini-games, and interactions with zany NPCs, who are all awaiting the big-brain of our main character to disentangle their issues.

Pikuniku is equal parts absurd and introspective, and that's probably why I'd recommend playing it. At one moment, it had me fighting with a toaster that was attacking me with bread. In the next, I joined forces with a group of leaves that were determined to take down an environmentally unfriendly, capitalist society (represented by a giant robot). Between these increasingly random escapades was also a pivotal life-lesson within the game. A pear-shaped villager came up to me and educated me on the right way to wash a dish that contained pasta: immediately, or the grated cheese would crust up, making it difficult to clean.

Pikuniku is suitable for beginners, and those who are struggling to find the inspiration to finish a videogame. The game is currently available for PC (Mac and Windows) and Nintendo Switch.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, POORNIMA BASABATHALA HARISH resident of Flat No. 014, Ground Floor, Silver Park Apartment, Reliable Residency Layout, Haralurkunte, Bangalore-560102, Karnataka, have changed my name to **POORNIMA HARISH** Vide Affidavit dated 02.09.2023 sworn before Advocate and Notary BM Chandrashekar, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SOUGOTA MOHIT MOHAN CHATTERJEE, aged about 48 years S/o. MOHITMOHAN CHATTERJEE, 189 Ashok Palli Raniganj Raniganj, Raniganj, Bardhaman, West Bengal 713347 have changed my name to **SOUGOTA CHATTERJEE** Vide Affidavit dated 02.09.2023 sworn before Advocate and Notary Shivshankarappa, Bengaluru.

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CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME

I, VEENA RAO W/o N Venkat Ananth Rao R/at No.102, Aikya Apartments, Doddakammanahalli Main Road, Off Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru- 560076, have changed my name to **VEENA RAO S P** vide affidavit dated: 2/9/2023 Before Notary G.R.Rajanna Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, KAUSHIK .H.M S/o Sri H.N. Manjunath Prasad, aged about 24 years, R/at No. 2050, 5thBlock, Janapriya Heavens Apartments, Allalasandra, G.K.V.K Post, Bengaluru North,Bengaluru-560065, do hereby declare that both the names i.e., **KAUSHIK .H.M** and **KAUSHIK MANJUNATH PRASAD**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **KAUSHIK .H.M** only, vide affidavit dated 1-9-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary S. NAGARAJA at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Mr. N.K. GANGAMARIGOWDA, aged about 51 years, R/at No. 19, Kousthuba Nilaya, Sy. No. 47/2, 11th Cross, M.S. Ramaiah Layout, Nagasandra Post, Bangalore-560073, do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name from **YUKTHA GOWDA**, henceforth she shall be known and called as **YUKTHA GOWDA** only, vide affidavit dated 29-08-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary N. MAHESHA at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, LEENA VIVEK, D/o Eshwar Rao Narayan Rao, R/o 11, 8th "A" Lane, Kargil Layout, Pampa Extension, Hebbal Kempapura, Bangalore-560024, shall henceforth be called as **LEENA JADHAV** by virtue of Affidavit dated 02-09-2023 before Notary GANGARAJU .B.N, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MURALI S/o Venkateshappa aged about 49 years R/a No.14/1, 6th Cross Road, Mithilnagar, Ramasandra Bangalore-560060 have changed my name to **MURALI K.V.** for all future purposes vide affidavit dated 02.09.2023 Sworn before Notary & Advocate Mr. RAVI, Bangalore, INDIA.

AFFIDAVIT

I, Ashwini Bellunke, W/o. Bhaskar Raju, Aged about 40 years, Residing at # 101, Mahaveer Riverside Apartments, Puttanahalli Main Road, JP Nagar 5th Phase, Bengaluru - 560 078, do hereby declare that, **ASHWINI APPASABH Bellunke** and **Ashwini Bellunke** both the names refer to one and the same person i.e., my self and I am identified, called and known as **Ashwini Bellunke** Hence I am swearing to this Affidavit. Vide affidavit dated 02.09.2023 sworn to before B. Chitra, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

We, (1) **MOHAN K.C S/o.** Channegowda, Aged about 44 years, and (2) **ASHA .A. W/o. MOHAN K.C.**, Aged about 43 years, Residing at No. 72, Hariharasultha Ayyappa Layout, Sambram Engineering College Road, M.S. Palaya, Vidyanarayapura, Bengaluru - 560 097, do hereby declare that we have changed our minor daughter's name from **SHRADDDHA M. GOWDA** to **SHALINI M. GOWDA** vide affidavit dated 02.09.2023 sworn to before K.V. Bachhi Reddy, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, RAJANI DEBNATH resident of No. 16, 21st Main, 3rd C Cross, BTM Layout 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560076, have changed my name to **RAJANI MONDAL** Vide Affidavit dated 01.09.2023 sworn before Advocate and Notary CN Balasubramanyam, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, KIRAN GOPAL JOSHI, Aged about 45 years, W/o. Mr. M.Y.Dass, residing at No. SE-302, Shriram Sarbhi Apartments, Mallasandra, KKP Road, Vajjarahalli, Bangalore-560062. Do hereby declare that my son's name is changed from "ACHAL" (Old Name) to "ACHAL KIRAN JOSHI" (New Name) vide affidavit dated 02.09.2023 sworn to before Mr. M.K. DEVAKI, Advocate & Notary, Bangalore-560086.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MAANYA RAJENDRA, D/o Rajendra K.S, R/at #113, Sri Mylara, Church Street, Near Post Office, K.R. Extension, Tiptur Town, Tiptur Taluk, Tumkur District, Karnataka, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MAANYA RAJENDRA**, henceforth I shall be known and called **MAANYA RAJENDRA** only, vide affidavit dated 01-09-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary K.R. UMESH at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, PARASHURAM S. S/o S. Karibasappa, aged about 59 years, R/at Chamarajpete, Near Amogha Corner, Hireshakuna, Shivamogga District, Karnataka-577429, now camped at Bangalore, have changed my name to **PARASHURAM SINGGADA**, vide affidavit dated 31-08-2023 before Notary C.V. EARRAPPA, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Mr. KRISHNA MOORTHY .S, S/o Subramani, Army No. 1530248W, Rank: NK, Unit 2, Engineer Reg. MEG Centre, Bangalore (Ex-Servicemen) have changed my daughter name from **K. SWATHI** to **K.M. SWATHI**, before Notary Public **A.R. MUNEE AHMED**, Bangalore, dated 02-09-2023.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Maliyappa Gowda G. S/o. Gangamariah, aged about 45 years, R/at No.16, 4th Cross, 5th Main Road, Javaraiah Garden, TR Nagar, Bangalore 560070. I have changed my minor daughter's name from 'K.M.YASHASVI' to 'YASHASVI M', have before advocate and notary Rashmi Patel, vide affidavit dated August 31st, 2023.

AFFIDAVIT

I, HARISH PANDEY, Aged about 41 years, Residing at No. C-102, Nitesh Flushing Meadows, Hoskote Road, Seegehalli, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560 067, do hereby declare that my correct name is **HARISH PANDEY** but by mistake my name is mentioned in my passport as **HARISH KRISHNADEV PANDEY** instead of **HARISH PANDEY** vide affidavit dated 02.09.2023 sworn to before Rajanna, Advocate and Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, RAGHAVENDRA BHAT, S/o. Ganapati Bhat, aged about 41 years, Residing at, No.203, Lakshmi Enclave, Anjaneya Nagar, 2nd 'A' Cross, Ittamadu, Near SLN, Bangalore-560085, Karnataka, have changed my Name from **RAGHAVENDRA GANAPATI BHAT** (Old Name) to **RAGHAVENDRA BHAT** (New Name), vide Affidavit dated:01-09-2023, sworn before Advocate & Notary Public, S.N. Madhu, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, RAJESWARIS, aged about 76 years, W/o. R.SUNDARESAN, residing permanently at No.164,3rd Cross,Near auto Garage,Vivek nagar Further Extension, Bangalore-560047, I declared that in my husband's service records Army No.6599671, Rank:SEP ASC, unit 508 ASC Bn (Mtn Div) my wife's name wrongly mentioned as **RAJESHWARIS** instead of **RAJESWARIS** and date of birth was wrongly entered as 09-04-1942 instead of 09-04-1947, I have declared this as per affidavit dated 30/08/2023 sworn before Advocate and Notary G.Gopalakrishna, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME

I, the undersigned **M. JAYAMMA**, aged about 74 years, W/o. Mr. M.Y.Dass, resident of No.123, 3rd Cross, UCO Bank Road, Ramamurthy Nagar, Dooravaninagar post, Bangalore - 560016, Karnataka State, do hereby solemnly declare and state that my husband had changed his name from **M. RAMAIAH** to **M.Y.DASS** swearing to an affidavit by me in front of Notary public **Mr. K.B. Sadha Shivappa** on 31.08.2023 for my PF, Health card and NAL Company purposes.

AFFIDAVIT

I, SHIVU BOPAIHA P.S, S/o P.A. Sunanda and Smt. Savitha K.P, age 18 years, R/at No. 7, 17th Cross, 4th Block, 4th Stage, Basaweshwaranagar, Bangalore-560 079 do hereby declare that as per the order passed by the Hon'ble Court by V Additional City Civil and Sessions Judge in O.S. No. 2948/2022 (CCH 13), my father name shall be mentioned as **P.A. SUNANDA** for all official and practical purposes in future, vide affidavit dated 02.09.2023.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, AISHWARYA RAVICHANDRA, W/o Sri Arun Venkateshan, age 28 years, R/at No. 176, 36th A Cross, 18th Main, Jayanagara 4th T Block, Bengaluru-560 041, Karnataka, India do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **AISHWARYA ARUN** to **AISHWARYA RAVICHANDRA**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **AISHWARYA RAVICHANDRA** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 2nd September 2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary H.S. DHARMA PRASAD at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I,V UMA MAHESWARI, W/o 14417173X -EX - NAIK RAVI CHANDRA R. residing at No.135/ A, 1st Main, 4th Cross, Padmavathi Layout, Kithaganuru, Krishnaraja puram, Bangalore-36. Do here by state that my name has been changed from **V UMA MAHESWARI** to **UMA MAHESWARI R**, vide affidavit dated 02-09-2023 sworn before Notary N Kanchivaradaraju

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Maliyappa Gowda G. S/o. Gangamariah, aged about 45 years, R/at No.16, 4th Cross, 5th Main Road, Javaraiah Garden, TR Nagar, Bangalore 560070. I have changed my minor son's name from 'K.M.DHEERAJ' to 'DHEERAJ M' sworn before advocate and notary Rashmi Patel, vide affidavit dated August 31st, 2023.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, KRUTIKA SIDDAPUR, No. 304, MIMSNORTH WEST HRBR Layout, Banaswadi, Bangalore - 560 043, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **KRUTIKA MANJUNATH SIDDAPUR** to **KRUTIKA SIDDAPUR** vide affidavit dated 2.9.2023 sworn to before T.V. Chandra Shekara Reddy, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, LAKSHMANA SINGH, S/o. Durga Singh No. 258, Bajpuri Circle, Opp. Ayyappa Swamy Temple, Kadugodi Plantation, Kadugodi, Bangalore 560067 have changed my name to **D LAKSHMAN SINGH** Vide Affidavit dated 01.09.2023 sworn before Advocate and Notary Umamaheswary .M.N., Bangalore

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DIRECTOR JADESHAA IN DISCUSSIONS WITH SJ SURYAH FOR A ROLE IN VIJAY KUMAR'S NEXT

While details about the storyline remain under wraps, the yet-to-titled project is set against the backdrop of India's post-Independence era

A SHARADHAA

VIJAY Kumar is gearing up for the release of his second directorial project, *Bheema*, which is scheduled to hit theatres in November. Simultaneously, he's collaborating with director Jadeshha K Hampi for an upcoming film, which is set to start shooting later this year. According to recent reports, the makers have engaged in discussions with renowned Tamil actor SJ Suryah for a potential role in the film.

Confirming this update, Jadeshha says, "Yes, we have an interesting role in mind for SJ Suryah in our yet-to-be-titled film, and we've had our initial conversation with him. Currently, the actor is occupied with another film shoot and has asked us to reconnect once his schedule permits, at which point we will resume our discussions." He also mentioned that they are currently in the process of short-listing other cast members, including the female lead.

Although the director did not reveal the storyline, he did mention that the film will be set just after India's independence. "We are actively searching for the right actors to bring our vision to life."

Meanwhile, *Bheema* is currently in the post-production phase. The film, produced by Krishna Sarthak and Jagdeesh Gowda, has music composed by Charan Raj, with dialogues penned by Maasti. Shiv Sena is handling the cinematography and Deepu S Kumar is taking care of the editing.



Kichcha Sudeep and Cheran join hands for Kichcha 47

CE FEATURES

ACTOR Kichcha Sudeepa is set to collaborate with director Cheran for an upcoming film tentatively titled *Kichcha 47*, the makers of the film announced on social media on Saturday. The film will be backed by Sathya Jyothi Films.

The makers released a new poster featuring a man, whose face is not seen. His shirt and hands have stains of blood. The makers did not reveal the rest of the cast and technical crew of the film as of yet. It is to be noted

that the actor had earlier remade and starred in My Autograph, based on Cheran's 2004 romantic drama *Autograph*. The film marked Sudeepa's directorial debut.

Meanwhile, Sudeepa was last seen in *Vikrant Rona*. The actor, who is shooting for *Max*, directed by Vijay Karthikeya will be helming his upcoming film *KK* for KRG Studios. He is all also set to join forces with Kabzaa director R Chandru. On the other hand, for Cheran, *Kichcha 47* will mark his return to the director's chair after four years, since the release of *Thirumanam*.



Sudeep unveils first look motion poster of Huli Nayaka

CE FEATURES

THE title of DJ Chakravarthy's next, titled *Huli Nayaka*, was unveiled by Upendra. Now, the motion poster of *Huli Nayaka*, which is Chakravarthy's return to direction after seven years, was released by Sudeep at a grand event. Expressing his appreciation for the director's vision, Sudeep wished Team *Huli Nayaka* the best of luck for their film. Apart from Sudeep, the launch event had actors Dhananjay, Prem, Anup Bhandari, Vasistha Simha, Pooja Gandhi, and Sanjana Galrani gracing it. They came together to honour the family members of Sindhoor Lakshmana Nayaka, a freedom fighter.

Actor-director Cheran, during his Bengaluru visit to meet Sudeep, shared his appreciation for the *Huli Nayaka* motion poster and paid tribute to the Sindhoor Lakshmana Nayaka Family.

Huli Nayaka, produced by Manjunath D's Mayura Motion Pictures, stars Milind Gautham in the lead role. Milind, who is making his debut with *Unlock Raghava*, is currently in post-production for his first film and is gearing up to start shooting for *Huli Nayaka* simultaneously.



Milind Gautham

Yogi gears up for a transformation for Sidlingu 2

CE FEATURES

REPORTS of a sequel to the 2012 hit film, *Sidlingu*, have been in the news for quite some time now. Director Vijaya Prasad, currently in the final phase of scripting, provides an update on this project. "As of today, I have the actor Yogesh a.k.a Yogi, who portrayed the protagonist in *Sidlingu*, embarking on an even more profound journey in *Sidlingu 2*. I'm currently fine-tuning the script and have plans to commence shooting either in October or, at the latest, by November," says Vijaya Prasad, who has laid down some conditions for the lead actor to enhance the character.

Yogi, who is currently busy shooting for Shoonya's *Rosy* is also diligently preparing for his role in *Sidlingu 2*. "With *Sidlingu* moving forward, I want Yogi to put on an additional 10 to 12 kilos while growing his hair and beard. This transformation will require approximately 2 to 3

months of dedication before we can start shooting," he says.

The original *Sidlingu* revolved around a passionate car enthusiast who forms meaningful connections with a girl and a lecturer, all because of his automotive dreams. The story unfolds as he relocates to Srirangapatna, where he crosses paths with the teacher Mangala, only to be separated tragically due to his desire to marry her. The film featured Ramya, who underwent a remarkable character transformation, and KS Sridhar, who played Asadullah Baig.

When asked about the casting process for the sequel, Vijaya Prasad reveals that Suman Ranganath will also return for this instalment. As for Mangala, who meets an untimely fate in *Sidlingu*, might appear in the sequel through flashbacks. However, Vijaya Prasad insists that the decision will be finalised once the script is complete. "The rest of the cast is currently in the finalisation stage, and I am looking at bringing together an exciting ensemble for *Sidlingu 2*," he says.

Sidlingu 2 will have Vijaya Prasad's long-time acquaintance, Anoop Seelin scoring the music. Apart from *Rosy*, Yogi has completed shooting for director Abhijit Mahesh's *Bachelor Party*. The film, backed by Rakshit Shetty's Paramvah Studios banner, also stars Diganth Manchale and Achyuth Kumar.



Director Vijaya Prasad, who is currently in the preparation for the sequel, gives us an update on the project



Olave Mandara 2 is set to hit screens on this date

CE FEATURES

DIRECTOR SR Patil is set to mesmerise the audience with *Olave Mandara 2*, which will hit screens on September 15. "In a world where love is often perceived as a transgression by parents, especially towards their daughters, this film strives to shed light on the significance of comprehending and embracing their children's romantic choices. Genuine love knows no boundaries, and those who love should persist

in expressing their affection until their parents also embrace it. This profound message lies at the heart of the movie," says the director.

Contrary to expectations, *Olave Mandara 2* is not a sequel to the 2011 film of the same name that marked Jayatheertha's directorial debut. However, the director fondly remembers the earlier film, emphasising that what sets this movie apart is its unique story. This



marks the sophomore film of Sanath, who made his debut as a lead with *Kamarottu Check Post*. Produced by Ramesh Maragolu, *Olave Mandara 2* has music by Dr. Kiran Totambail. Alongside Sanath, *Olave Mandara 2* also stars Prajna Bhat, Anupaa Satish, esteemed actress Bhavya, Dingri Nagaraj, Manu, and Shivanand Sindagi, among others, in significant roles.